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ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR NEW NSL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE expanded 24-team National Soccer League is well on the way for 1984 following a successful meeting between ASF and NSL executives in Sydney

Still subject to approval at the meeting to be held on Friday August 19 is the basis of subsidising the State Federations who will lose from the upgrading of eight clubs.

NSW and Victoria are the ones involved. NSW is the hardest hit due to the loan repayments and development costs of the

Parklea project.

The NSW Federation must have funds to replace those obtained from the proportion of club gate receipts earmarked to Parklea from clubs likely to be promoted: Croatia-Sydney, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City and probably one more.

The problem is a lesser one for the Victorian Soccer Federation. However this aspect will add some \$50,000 to the League's annual operating costs which will have to be shared amongst the clubs.

The NSL expects its major sponsorship to total \$240,000. Airfares could be held to about \$300,000 and administration at \$150,000.

This would mean each club would weigh in \$11,000 - a solid commitment but far better than recent charges.

Sponsorship is in itself dependent on better television exposure for the code and will call for top attention.

Clubs currently feeling the pinch have more than a passing interest in this

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TROUBLE IF WAGES ARE CUT

THERE has been talk lately of players having to take a big drop in salaries next year in a bid by clubs to cut costs.

Okay, it might cut costs but can our players continue to put so much time and effort into the game with the financial rewards getting less?

The demands by NSL clubs on players have steadily increased and if we are to keep the standard we have achieved, our average player must NOT suffer financially.

Many players over the past seven years have put their Soccer first and their jobs second in an

*Says
Joe Watson,
Sydney City's
International*

attempt to concentrate as much as possible on the game.

Players have lost jobs through club or representative commitments but because of a reasonable income from the game, they have managed to weather the storms of unemployment.

If clubs start cutting players' salaries too low, players will have to think twice in future as to where their priorities lie. They will start putting their job first and their Soccer last.



Kim Wishart (Brisbane City), in top form, shows a safe pair of hands to Sydney City at Spencer Park.

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EDITORIAL

IT is interesting to note one of the biggest problems facing Rugby League (not Soccer this time) in New South Wales.

Right now, the sport is very worried about the season being too long. It is said that the players are over-worked. They just cannot cope with a season lasting from March to September. And there are firm promises that the 1984 season will be considerably shorter, even if this means turfing out several clubs like the financially-ailing Western Suburbs and Cronulla Sutherland.

It has even been suggested that Canberra, despite their ability to attract larger match attendances than most Sydney clubs, could also face the axe.

This is a strange situation when we make comparisons with Soccer.

As we are reminded so often by people in other codes of football, Soccer goes on and on and on. While the highly-paid professionals in Rugby League find they are totally exhausted with their season only three-quarters completed, the top Soccer players in Australia manage to survive a season which often stretches from January until November.

Many Soccer players have to play 50 to 60 games each season. Rugby League players are out on their feet already — after about 20 competition games plus the odd Cup match or representative fixture. And remember a League match lasts 80 minutes, not 90.

Rugby League plans a new 12, or even 10, team competition for 1984 instead of the present "too big" 14 team comp. At the same time, Soccer's National League seeks a 24 team competition. . . albeit split into two sections.

Rugby League is a very demanding sport. It is violent. It places great stress on its players. So there are probably good reasons why the players feel the strain as the season wears on.

Even so, Soccer players have to keep every bit as fit as their League counterparts: they are probably fitter. They also suffer serious injury, even though the game does not have the robust violence of the 13-a-side code.

We have often wondered why Soccer players do not demand a shorter season and fewer matches. Inevitably, they go stale if they are involved in matches for up to 11 months in the year. Yet Soccer administrators merrily add extra matches to the over-loaded programme and some even favour a madcap scheme which would give us 12-months-in-the-year Soccer.

Perish the thought.

The Australian Soccer Federation badly needs to tidy up its season. First step should be to "outlaw" all Soccer during November, December and January. Then February should also become a non-Soccer month.

This would leave us with a season from early March to late October. If administrators cannot fit their games into a season of that length, they should get out and make room for people who can.

Be sure Rugby League would never tolerate the length of a "normal" Soccer season in Australia. Neither would Rugby Union or Australian Rules. So why is Soccer stuck with it?

FOOTNOTE: The 1983 season is expected to end with the four-nation international tournament in late November. If all the spectators are on the beaches at that time, will anyone be surprised?

CLEARING THE AIR AT RICHLANDS

BY GREG RUSSELL

A FRANK players' meeting could have been the turning point in Lions' bid to get out of the bottom half of the National League.

Lions' coach Simon Kistemaker and captain Alan Niven decided on the meeting during the flight home after Lions' match against Footscray — in which they were beaten 2-1 and slipped into the bottom two NSL places.

Kistemaker felt some members of his squad were not giving him full support.

The top-line Dutch coach selected 15 players — his squad for the remaining 13 matches — and then put his position on the line.

"I told them if they didn't believe in what I was doing, I would go back to Amsterdam," Kistemaker said.

But after a frank discussion, in which players asked for encouragement rather than criticism, the squad returned a unanimous vote of confidence in the coach.

"I am glad that was their decision as I don't like to run away from anything. It will be a challenge to play our way up the table," Kistemaker said.

The squad Kistemaker selected was largely those players he has used throughout the season — although big striker Barry Kelso, on loan from City, was excluded and former St George keeper Martin Coe and full back Bob McKimming were brought in.

The renewed morale in Lions' squad following the meeting has been evident in training since and spurred the team to its convincing win over Heidelberg.

That victory even prompted club president John Morcus to end speculation that former Lions captain Col Bennett was taking over as coach by offering next year's position to the likeable Kistemaker.

temaker.

"If Simon wants to stay, the job is his. He has had more bad luck than you could poke a stick at," Morcus said.

Kistemaker is con-

tracted with Lions until October 31 this year and is unlikely to make a decision on his future until then.

Lions in action with Steve Hogg prominent.



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that Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Northern NSW will favour the ultimate scheme and that NSW may be against it.

The States with clubs involved in NSL football have been offered a place on the NSL Executive.

The trade-off that the NSL would receive is a representative on the State Executive or Board.

The League will contain two 12-team divisions. A final decision is to be made over a situation in which a Victorian or a NSW team does not come last in its own division.

The likely scheme under these circumstances is that the lowest team in both these States will be

rated against the State League champion clubs.

John Dimtsis, the VSF president, came to the meeting with instructions to support the 24-team format provided that certain conditions were met.

"I will report back that these matters have been dealt with to our satisfaction."

"There is no doubt that any team demoted will return to our State League competition."

Such an arrangement does not seem entirely

WHERE WAS MISSING STRETCHER?

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA'S multi-million dollar Bruce Stadium was without one vital piece of equipment recently — a stretcher. And it could have been disastrous.

As it was, it was a disgrace — watched by the 1,200 crowd at Canberra Arrows' last home game against St. George.

Canberra was up 1-0 when front runner Don "Badger" MacLaren crashed into St. George's goalkeeper Terry Greedy. It was a touch and go situation and Greedy — despite the crowd's abuse — had to make a total commitment.

His knees crunched into MacLaren who lay on the deck in agony — not just

for a short time but precious minutes.

Nearly five in fact. Why? No stretcher could be found and as no one knew exactly the extent of his injuries, officials didn't want to move him.

Someone rushed on with a bench. That was discarded. A ball boy even brought a chair.

On came officials with a wide trolley used for moving heavy equipment on its trolley-like wheels and flat wooden platform.

MacLaren was finally placed on the platform and carried off. But still the drama didn't end as the platform was so wide it couldn't be manoeuvred up the top of the exit ramp.

Finally the stretcher arrived with two Stadium employees.

Where was it located? In the Australian Institute of Sport's new swimming complex 500 metres away. MacLaren was then rushed to nearby Calvary Hospital with suspected broken ribs.

However, the news was good. He suffered badly bruised ribs and will be missing from Soccer for several weeks.

tidy, but politically it still could be the winner.

NSW was represented by senior vice-president Ken Ferguson. He stated: "Every State must go back to its executive and clubs over the principles discussed and aired."

"It is then a case of approval or disapproval. I will allow that many points were ironed out."

The big winner might yet be Second Division Penrith United. Reputedly the club is sitting on a very handsome sponsorship deal and has a huge Nepean-Lower Blue Mountains area to call upon. In addition some fruitful discussions have been held with Penrith Leagues club, who have a deal to gain from a Soccer connection.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

WOLLONGONG 2: (Ainsworth, Cotton) CANBERRA 3 (Brennan, Farina, Gibson). At Corrmal. Crowd: 1,600.
HEIDELBERG 0 MARCONI 1 (Bozanic). At Olympic Village. Crowd: 2,500.
ADELAIDE CITY 0 PRESTON 1 (Odzakov). At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1200.
ST. GEORGE 1 (Wilkinson), BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Wright). At Lismore. Crowd: 1,500.
NEWCASTLE 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1. (Crino) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 3451.
FOOTSCRAY 2. (Paton, Belic), SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1. (Katholos). At Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.
BRISBANE CITY 1. (Williamson), SYDNEY CITY 1. (Borges). At Spencer Park. Crowd: 2,000.
LEIGHARDT 3. Butler, Morsello, Tredinnick), WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 3984.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Sydney Olympic -v- Heidelberg
Marconi -v- ST. George
Brisbane Lions -v- Wollongong City
Canberra Arrows -v- Brisbane City
Sydney City -v- Newcastle KB
Soth Melbourne -v- Leighardt
West Adelaide -v- Preston
Footscray -v- Adelaide City

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	FA Pts	W	D	L	FA Pts		W	D	L	FA Pts	
1. PRESTON.....	19	11	6	2	34-16 39	8	2	0	22-7 26		3	4	2	12-9 13	
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	19	10	5	4	29-22 35	7	3	0	18-5 24		3	2	4	11-17 11	
3. NEWCASTLE.....	19	10	3	6	31-17 33	5	3	3	13-7 16		5	0	3	18-10 15	
4. LEIGHARDT.....	19	9	2	8	33-25 29	7	1	2	22-9 22		2	1	6	11-16 7	
5. SAINT GEORGE.....	19	7	8	4	22-15 29	4	4	1	11-7 16		3	4	3	11-8 13	
6. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	19	8	4	7	27-20 28	3	2	3	12-8 11		5	2	4	15-12 17	
7. BRISBANE CITY.....	19	7	7	5	25-30 28	4	4	2	17-15 16		3	3	3	8-15 12	
8. MARCONI.....	19	7	5	7	29-28 28	4	2	3	15-15 14		3	3	4	14-13 12	
9. STH. MELBOURNE.....	19	7	5	7	25-28 26	3	3	4	13-14 12		4	2	3	12-14 14	
10. CANBERRA.....	19	7	4	8	33-30 25	5	3	1	21-10 18		2	1	7	12-20 7	
11. FOOTSCRAY.....	19	6	5	8	18-31 23	4	2	3	10-16 14		2	3	5	6-15 9	
12. HEIDELBERG.....	19	5	7	7	20-23 22	5	1	3	13-7 16		0	6	4	7-16 6	
13. WEST ADELAIDE.....	19	5	7	7	17-24 22	4	3	4	13-15 15		1	4	3	4-9 7	
14. ADELAIDE CITY.....	20	6	3	11	22-26 21	3	2	4	10-11 11		3	1	7	12-15 10	
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	19	5	3	11	25-40 18	5	0	4	17-14 15		0	3	7	8-28 3	
16. WOLLONGONG.....	20	1	10	9	26-39 13	0	7	3	12-15 7		1	3	6	14-24 6	



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PETINELIS PROTEST TO NSL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC president, Jim ("Canon") Petinelis, exploded on arrival back in Sydney after last Sunday's away match with Footscray.

Petinelis heatedly fired a few big shots at the handling of his club's match in Victoria.



Graham Jennings.

Olympic lost 2-1 to Footscray, and Petinelis was most upset with controversial refereeing decisions that led to both Footscray's goals.

The first was a penalty for an alleged foul by Olympic's goalkeeper, Gary Meier.

Petinelis told us: "Gary would have to be the cleanest player in the NSL and I hotly dispute that penalty decision. I asked Gary after the match to confirm any such foul, and he assured me he hadn't committed one but to check with the referee."

The Olympic president

BY JOHN ECONOMOS.

fired another broadside over Footscray's second goal, claiming that at least two players were three metres offside.

Petinelis went on to say: "I don't mind if we lose fair and square. For example, two weeks ago against Adelaide City, we should have lost and I would have accepted the fact and said good luck to Adelaide City. We had played badly, yet we won. "But last Sunday it was a joke. Referees this season have cost clubs many points with inconsistent interpretations."

"What basically has been happening is that clubs have been at the mercy of some referees this year and it is costing some clubs large amounts of money in gate takings."

"My club will be lodging an official complaint over the handling of the Footscray match, and together with our letter we will supply the NSL with a video clip of the two controversial incidents."

I contacted Olympic's international full back, Graham Jennings, a play-



Jimbo Muir



er normally very cool and reluctant to make any comment.

He said: "When the penalty was awarded, the Footscray players looked as shocked as we did. As for their second goal, it was clearly offside. I'm sure Channel 0-28 has picked up both incidents. This loss was most costly to our club and it has been

FERGUSON WANTS A KILLER!

ANYONE got a spare striker? If so, contact Adelaide City's Bobby Ferguson.

The coach is desperate to find a forward with that killer touch — but he hasn't got a fortune to spend.

"It's happened so often this season it is now becoming unreal," said Ferguson.

"We create so many chances and fall down in front of goal."

"Fans get sick of excuses, but it's true in this case."

"What we need is a

BY TOM MCKAIN

striker who can finish things off."

Ferguson toyed with the idea of signing former City defender Jimbo Muir, and using the big Scot up front.

He had played this position way back in his career with Scottish club Motherwell.

Ferguson decided to hold on to his cash in the hope of finding a true striker.

West Adelaide boss Alan Vest is in the same position as Ferguson.

He has even gone to the lengths of fielding centre-back Robbie Dunn up front in an effort to cure the lack of goals.

"What can you do as a coach when all that is missing is that final touch which puts the ball in the net?" asks Vest.

He bought big Paul Wormley from Queensland, but while the 21-year-old has worked hard and runs for the full 90 minutes, he has failed as a striker.

So has last year's top scorer Graham Hon-eyman.

After putting 14 in the net last season he had only one goal as we went to press.

Like Ferguson, Vest is suffering from a tight cash situation and has no money to spend on a striker.

OLYMPIC PLAY AT ST GEORGE

Sydney Olympic have moved from Pratten Park and will play all their remaining home matches this season at the St George Stadium.

Jim Petinelis, Sydney Olympic's president, told us last night: "In accordance with our lease over Pratten Park, we could only use this ground till September 11. After that date, we are forced to vacate the ground as it is prepared by Council for the cricket season."

"Through negotiations with St George's Frank Arok, we have decided to shift all our remaining home matches to St George as from next Sunday when we play Heidelberg in Sydney."

"We believe that the St George Stadium is the best Soccer ground in Sydney, and if Olympic has to move to another ground why not St George?"

"Our supporters like this Stadium and it is centrally enough situated for them, not to mention the huge parking facilities readily available," added Petinelis.

The change of Olympic's home venue may prove to be a wise and a successful ploy as since 1978, in all matches Olympic have played at that stadium, they have not lost any.

Added to this, the playing surface at Pratten

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Park is not conducive to the fast, ball-playing style of Olympic.



JIM PETINELIS.

Even further, the crowd facilities available at the St George Stadium are far superior to any other Soccer ground in Sydney, let alone Pratten Park.

Olympic take on Heidelberg and desperately need a win after getting into the top four for only one week.

Heidelberg with their experienced players, Jimmy Tansey, Jimmy Campbell and Gary Cole well and truly back on deck, will prove difficult opponents for the home side. But Olympic players have always relished the wide open spaces of St George Stadium and so far this year, most of their top performances have been at this Stadium.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Vs HEIDELBERG UNITED

SUNDAY AUGUST 14
EARLY MATCH 1PM
KICK-OFF 3PM
AT THE ST GEORGE STADIUM



Gary Meier



Jeff Olver



Martyn Rogers



PETER KATHOLOS



Theo Selimidis



Jimmy Tansey



Tommy Docherty



Marshall Soper



Ricky Herbert



Gary Cole



Jimmy Campbell



Kenny Morton

ROUND UP

GOALKEEPER SAVES TOP TEAM PRESTON

BY TOM McKAIN

PRESTON can thank goalkeeper Richard Wilson for their three points from Sunday's 1-0 win over Adelaide City at Olympic Sportsfield.

With six minutes to go and Preston leading 1-0, Wilson blocked a Neville Flounders' header which went for a corner.

Along came another corner and yet another within two minutes, and again Flounders headed what appeared to be a certain goal — until Wilson again brought off a magnificent save.

It was a subdued Zarko Odzakovic who got the vital goal in the 67th minute.

He crashed through a Sergio Melta tackle inside the City half and took the ball into the box then slotted it past Willie McNally.

While he showed glimpses of his true form, the Yugoslav star was not at his best, but even if he had done nothing but score that goal, he would have been worth his place.

With George McMillan suspended, and Claude Luchesi hit by flu, Preston coach, Peter Ollerton, again took the field.

He gave himself a roving commission and popped up at centre-forward, in the middle of the park, and at the back.

Little George Campbell and Gary Ward ran at the City defence all day, but on a heavy bumpy pitch, Preston looked anything but a championship team.

However they weathered that final storm, and also, Wilson was quick to dive on two Les Carter shots in the first half.

But at no stage before that final flurry did City look like winning the game.

Joe Mullen, Peter Rankin, and Steve Maxwell, were the front runners, but none could get set for shots at the target.



Richard Wilson

And while City had to play minus winger Charlie Villani who broke down at training with a cracked rib, their lack of shooting power was again apparent... the strikers being too easily closed down.

Whether Preston can win the title remains to be seen, but according to acting captain David Jones who played for West Adelaide then moved to Adelaide City, the players are confident.

"The Olympic Sports Field pitch was in a shocking state, and we are a ball-playing team," said Jones.

"We go to West Adelaide next round and I'm sure we can get three more points at Hindmarsh Stadium which has

a first class surface.

"Then we have a spell at home where we play our best football," Jones added.

A disappointed Bobby Ferguson could say little about City's performance: "It's the old story, we can't score goals and until we find someone who can, we are going to have problems."

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Nyskohus, Cole, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Rankin, Maxwell, Mullen.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opassinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Todorovski, Campbell, Ollerton, Farrell, Odzakovic, Ward.

REFEREE: M. Browning
CROWD: 2,136.

IT WAS SUCH A DUD GAME FOR LISMORE

BY MIKE BAILEY

BRISBANE LIONS again eased their relegation worries with a 1-1 draw with St George in Lismore — but they will be kicking themselves for not wrapping the game up in the first half when they had at least three chances.

The game was very physical from the outset and it was surprising that firmer action wasn't taken against a couple of players.

Some of the tackling definitely was not for the faint-hearted and when the yellow card did come out in the second half, the offences seemed trivial by comparison.

Russell Stewart was by far the dominant player as Lions spent long periods in the St George half in the first 45 minutes.

It didn't take him long to get into stride and after a few minutes he created the first of his team's chances, crossing the ball from the byline. Greedy dropped it but Daunt could only poke it wide.

In the 16th minute, Lions should have gone ahead when they beat St George's offside trap. Danny Wright was through and, despite the appeals, the flag stayed down.

But with only Greedy to beat, he put the ball wide.

Five minutes later, Stewart blasted a free kick from 40 metres: two minutes later, McSkimming came forward after being put through, but was foiled by Greedy who came quickly off his line.

At the other end, St George were getting back into the game but Robbie Slater was battling alone most of the time.

Shortly before half-time, a cheeky back-header from him was the closest Saints came to scoring but Lownds had little trouble covering it.

At the half-time whistle, the game badly needed a goal to prevent it developing into a battle of overcrowded midfielders.

Shortly after the resumption, Danny Wright put Lions ahead when he got the goal he had threatened to score in the first half.

He latched on to the ball 30 metres from goal and rammed it home from there, giving Greedy little chance.

Greedy in fact appeared to be wrong-footed but said after the game he thought he had the ball covered but it kept moving away from him.

Four minutes later, St George equalised through Paul Wilkinson, who doesn't get many these days for his team. It came from nowhere as he grabbed the ball



Alan Niven

ROUND UP

WALLACE IS SO RIGHT

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY coach, Willie Wallace, hit the nail on the head when he said you don't win Soccer matches by playing for just 15 minutes — after his team went down 2-3 to Canberra at Ziem's Park.

"We came out of our shell for just 15 minutes to get level, but over the 90 minutes we didn't deserve to win," Wallace said.

Despite the score, it was one of Wollongong's worst displays of the season and in the first half they were never in the hunt against a Canberra side which did the simple things well.

This was reflected in their goals, the first coming after just four minutes, when Tony Brennan headed home a long throw-in from Duncan Cole.

After 29 minutes, a simple passing movement by Canberra, resulted in Ian Stone sending Frank Farina clear and the young striker made no mistake from six metres.

Wollongong's only scoring chance before half-time was a fine shot from Phil O'Connor after a defence-splitting pass from Roy Cotton, but Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, made an acrobatic save.

The complexion of the match changed 11 minutes from the end when sweeper Jeff Ainsworth headed home a Fleming free kick to make it 2-1 and within two minutes, Cotton caught the Canberra defence standing square and punished them with a well-taken equaliser.

That goal brought the game alive and the home team put plenty of pressure on a Canberra defence that earlier had little to do.

The visitors broke away to grab a sensational winning goal in injury time when Ian Gibson netted with a header from a John Walsh cross from the right wing.

Ainsworth was the only Wollongong player worth a mention but young striker, Scott Dickson, did inject life into the side when he replaced Jim McBreen after 73 minutes.

For Canberra, Farina always posed a threat to the home defence while Terry Byrne marshalled the back-four well, even though it wasn't their busiest afternoon of the season.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Preston: Willis, Ainsworth, Pollard, Vlietstra, Kerr, McBreen (Dickson 73), Gaffney, Fleming, Cotton, O'Connor.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hoszowski: Murray, Walsh, Cole, Young, Byrne, Stone, Redmond, Farina, Brennan, Gibson.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 1,173.

25 metres from goal and bent a left-foot shot round a defender into the far corner of the net.

It then became a game of two halves as St George got on top and, although they continued to press until the end, Lions defence was too strong.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Wilkinson, J.O'Shea, Petkovski.

LIONS: Lownds, Vasquez, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, Hogg, R.Stewart, Wright, (McDonagh 85), J.Stewart, Ogden, Daunt.

REFEREE: B. Wilkinson.

CROWD: 1,500

HEIDELBERG FANS IN PROTEST AFTER GAME

RELEGATION was the topic of discussion at Olympic Village after Heidelberg had conceded their second defeat in two weeks by Marconi, losing 1-0.

Disillusioned Heidelberg supporters surrounded the dressing rooms after the match voicing strong protests against the miserable performances of their team in recent weeks.

Heidelberg have slipped to 12th position on the NSL table, with little hope of recovering.

A 40 metre blistering shot by right-back Vic Bozanic hit the top left

by Con Nicolopoulos

hand corner of Jeff Oliver's goal, to give the visitors the three valuable points.

The goal was the only bright spot in a dull

match which offered the 1,500 fans very little entertainment.

Both sides wasted most of their energy in purposeless runs back and forward as the strong winds carried the ball from end to end at high speed.

Heidelberg opened the game with the wind be-

hind them and created a glut of scoring opportunities which went astray because of poor finishing.

Marconi looked the more dangerous side with their breakaways keeping Heidelberg defenders on their toes throughout the game.

Mark Jankovics, Rod Brown and Rene Licata kept confusing the Heidelberg defence with their constant switch-play

and created some scoring opportunities which could have given them the lead in the first half.

Shooting at the target however was the order of the day for both sides and up until the last minute of the match they were deadlocked into a nil all draw.

Marconi's momentum increased in the second half with the help of the strong wind and the absolute dominance in the

midfield of Carbone and Sermanni.

Both these talented midfielders attacked relentlessly exploiting to their advantage the weaknesses of Heidelberg's shaky defence.

Sermanni missed a brilliant opportunity to score in the 27th minute when he connected with a cross from Jankovics inside the box but his weak shot bounced off the crossbar.

Both coaches made substitutions in the second half hoping to help their sides score the elusive winner. Doug Collins brought Djordjevic into the game in place of Licata and Kenny Morton gave Toro a run at the expense of Theo Selimidis who missed training during the week.

It was Toro who gave away the free-kick outside the box which resulted in Marconi's winning goal. Vic Bozanic and Sermanni stood behind the ball and as Sermanni side-footed the ball to Bozanic the mighty defender hammered it in.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver: McKie, Tansy, Yankos, McLeod, Selimidis (Toro 66), Spanos, Campbell, Cole Lea, Petersen.

MARCONI: James: Bozanic, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Carbone, Sermanni, Brown, Jankovics, Licata (Djordjevic 64).

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.
CROWD: 1,500.

ROUND UP



Leichhardt's new glamour recruit, Peter Sharne, picks up some speed as he goes round West Adelaide's Ian McGregor at Lambert Park.



But on Sunday, Sharne loved every minute of his debut as did the Leichhardt fans.

And they didn't have to wait long to see the old Sharne magic.

All the electrifying speed was in evidence plus more craft and guile in the Sharne make-up.

Two years in Hong Kong have improved Sharne's play no end and indeed he's a much better player now than when he left two years ago.

His coming inspired Leichhardt to its best performance of the season against a West Adelaide team that was made to look very ordinary.

There was not one weakness in the Leichhardt line-up and every player looked the goods.

On this performance

game was quite ordinary with both teams vying for superiority.

Four minutes from the interval Leichhardt went ahead when Terry Butler hit one in following good work by Tony Morsello on the right.

Then came a scintillating second half that left everyone at the ground breathless.

Wave after wave of Leichhardt attacks had West Adelaide in a tizzy with further goals added by Tony Morsello in the 56th minute and Peter Tredinnick in the 61st.

Leichhardt was positively brilliant in this last 45 minutes and the game ended with the fans shouting for more.

This was NSL football at its best, what club football in Australia was meant to be all about.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Carter, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Brad-

SHARNE IS BACK WITH A BANG

BY TOM ANDERSON

Hall Peter Sharne, the new king of Leichhardt... that's the late Soccer news out of Sydney.

The Fairfield Flyer came back to the Australian Soccer scene with a bang when he made his debut for his new club Leichhardt in its magnifi-

cent 3-0 win over West Adelaide at Lambert Park.

With his signing completed only an hour before the kick-off after an ur-

gent telex from Hong Kong, Sharne lined up in the claret and blue of Leichhardt, the club he used to love to hate in his Marconi days.

Leichhardt has a great future ahead of it and will be hard to beat in the weeks ahead... and next season.

Team building has been done with thought and reasoning: the wealth of young talent at the club is tremendous.

The first half of the

ley, Morsello, Sharne (Valeri 83).

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul; McGregor, Amey, Baker, Hiern; Doorne (Stephanopoulos 78), Atsalas, Brown; Heys, Dunn, Honeyman.

REFEREE: Tony Boskovic.

CROWD: 3,984.

NO LUCK FOR SYDNEY CITY

LUCK was not with Sydney City as the National League champions took a step backwards in their bid to win the title again — by drawing 1-1 with Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Brisbane has never been a happy hunting ground for Eddie Thomson's men and just when they looked to be returning to Sydney with three points, Billy Williamson put the Gladiators on even terms.

Young Soccerroo Stephen Glockner headed a ball that seemed to be running out, but Frank Pimblett, City's tireless work-horse, managed to get to it and cut a cross back. It was Pimblett's intention for the ball to go into the goalmouth but it hit a Sydney City player and bounced back to the unmarked Williamson.

Williamson was still at an acute angle on the right hand side of the goal but unleashed a rocket-like shot.

Those on the far side of the goal from him say the ball was travelling just wide of the upright but the faintest deflection off Slicker's full back, Jim Cant, guided the ball just inside the post.

It was a competition point Brisbane City hardly deserved and two Sydney City could not afford to lose.

The Slickers had started the game strongly. They played fast, skil-

ful football and despite the bumpy ground, looked every inch title contenders.

City, on the other hand, were scrappy. Apart from Frank Liddell, who gave his all, the Brisbane defence was hesitant.

The midfield gave away far too much ball and the attack lacked any penetration or variety.

Glockner, normally a strong striking force for City, was tame — even meek.

The Sydney City attack, on the other hand, was full of running and support. The build-up to their goal was exciting. Willie Murray smartly switched play about 30 metres out. Joe Watson looked set for the pass but a good call from Jim Cant behind saw the winger play a neat dummy.

Cant crossed it low into the middle where Nelio Borges highlighted the vulnerability of City's defence in this match.

Borges rounded Liddell, the danger man, then sidestepped Steve Perry and nutmegged John Kowtan to force his way into a one-on-one situation with City keeper, Kim Wishart. Borges coolly slotted the ball in.

Fisticuffs broke out between Alan Hughes and Gerry Gomez, who had one arm in a bandage, in the 77th minute.

Referee Alan Kibbler refrained from using the card but did hand out cau-

tions on two other incidents.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Souness, Cant, Robertson, Gomez, Barnes, Borges, Kay, Watson, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Kowtan, Liddell, Wilkinson, Fabrizio, (Caird 82), Pimblett, Pughes, Williamson, Bromfield, Glockner.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler.

CROWD: About 1,800.

KB DROP POINTS

SOCCER adventurer Oscar Crino scored one of the best goals of his career to carry South Melbourne through to a hard-earned 1-0 win over Newcastle KB United.

With a win essential for Newcastle, over-activity by the players saw the ball being treated as a hot potato, the aim being to get rid of it as quickly as possible.

This strange melody was fatal against a composed South Melbourne, chockful of representative experience.

Coach Ken Kaiser's pre-match statement that his players enjoyed the close crowd atmosphere at the Adamstown Sports Ground in preference to the International Sports Centre badly misfired.

Several players, in particular Bob Mountford, struggling to find form,

became the target of spectators' abuse.

It was a disappointing performance by Newcastle, who had brought three points away from West Adelaide a week earlier in a stunning 4-1 win.

Early in the match, South Melbourne quickly established the fact that it was a man's game with four free kicks being awarded in quick succession.

Clever young forward David Lowe was closely marked by the experienced Arthur Xanthopoulos, while teenage Tony Caban, socks untidily trailing around his

ankles from the kick-off, was captive inside Steve Blair's pocket.

This left the Newcastle attack looking threadbare and with David Jones, in his century of games celebration, never getting control of the ball. South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets was rarely tested.

Newcastle lost young full-back Ralph Maier in the 32nd minute with blood gushing from a facial injury, which required stitching.

His place in defence was taken by utility player Bernard Kirby, in one of his rare appearances

ROUND UP

FOOTSCRAY STILL CLIMBING

THE remarkable Footscray recovery goes on and on. As in previous seasons, Footscray — at one time looking a certain bet for relegation — are beating all and sundry and speeding dramatically away from from the cellar of the National League.

Of the past 15 available points, Footscray have collected 13. That's championship-winning form, far removed from even a hint of relegation.

On Sunday, it was Sydney Olympic's turn to suffer the wrath of Footscray, going down 2-1 at Schintler Reserve.

So the Melbourne club's climb up the table continues. They have now risen from bottom spot to 11th in the 16-team competition and the way they're playing suggests they can do even better in the weeks ahead.

Sydney Olympic were unhappy about the refereeing on Sunday, claiming Gary Meier should not have been pulled up for a penalty kick which brought Footscray's first goal.

Olympic also insist Footscray's second goal should not have been allowed because a couple of players were offside.

But as far as the record book is concerned, Footscray picked up the three vital points and there's nothing Olympic can do about it.

Footscray were in charge for much of the time, however. They had to take the field without their top striker, Joe Carroll, who is suspended and ace midfielder Vlatko Belic.

Footscray's first goal arrived after half an hour when a rather harsh decision against goalkeeper Meier gave the home team a penalty.

Jamie Paton took the penalty kick but Meier half-saved his shot. Paton followed up and drove the rebound into the net.

Nine minutes after this, Olympic were on level terms with a goal from Peter Katholos although the ball took a deflection from Kyrie Kyriakoulas.

The winning goal came with the second half 11 minutes old and it was scored by the substitute, Belic who had been brought on despite his injury.

As might be expected, everyone at Footscray is in happy mood following this, and other recent performances.

Even the irate fans who wanted to turf out coach Bobby McLachlan early in the season now class the craggy Scot as their hero!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Herbert, Dakos, Jennings, Patikas (Kalantzis 70), Philp, Katholos, Patalis, Soper, Paterson.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Taylor, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Tutill, Curovic, Burtie, Paton (Belic 62), O'Donnell, Lujic.

CROWD: 2,000

REFEREE: J.Fearn.

BY CHARLES HARRISON

for the side.

Five minutes before half-time, Crino, one of the more skilful players on the field, split the home defence wide open but just failed to take advantage of Charlie Egan's return pass.

The crowd impatient for more goalmouth action, had to wait until the 62nd minute for Crino's goal, a blistering 30 metre drive which stunned the Newcastle defence.

Newcastle fought back seeking an equalising goal but that splendid backline of Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair and Ysendoorn found the inaptitude of the Newcastle attack easy to counter... though a shot from skipper Craig Mason struck the woodwork in the dying minutes.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier (Kirby 32), Burke, Watson, Tredinnick, Ma-

son, Senkalski, Lowe, Jones, Mountford, Caban.

STH. MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Ysendoorn, Davidson, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

REFEREE: J.Reever.

CROWD: 3,450.

by MYLES HAY

NSL TOP SCORERS

J. Bradley	10
C. Luchessi (P)	9
M. Soper (SO)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
J. Kosmina (S.C.)	8
P. O'Connor (W)	8
C. Egan (SM)	7
S. Bryant (C)	6
G. Gomez (S.C.)	6
R. Mountford (N)	6
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	6
R. Brown (M)	6
D. Lowe (N)	6
R. Cotton (W)	6
P. Katholos (SO)	6

MICHAELA WAS KEEN ON RUGBY

AFTER Michaela Hannigan, the captain of the victorious NSW Under 15 side had come down off "cloud nine", we were able to get an interview with her.

ASW: How old were you when you started to play club Soccer?

I was only 10 when I tried to get into a club side. It was the local Colaroy Plateau club and I tried to get into a boys' team but they would not have me. I kept trying though and got into the club the following year.

ASW: Was this the only sport you were interested in when you were younger?

I was set on playing Rugby when I was nine but dad thought Soccer was better. I tried netball but did not like it. Dad did not mind my joining a Soccer club — he often pushed me on when I wanted to do something. My parents are great, they come to the games to watch and I get a lot of support from them.

ASW: When you first started playing four years ago, did you ever feel you were just that little bit better than the girls with whom you played?

I would not say I felt better. Rather, I was more serious about playing. The team in which I started consisted of girls



Michaela Hannigan, NSW Under 15 captain with the Junior Australian Trophy.

who were not really serious who just wanted to play socially.

ASW: When you felt you wanted to do a little better, you moved to a more competitive club, didn't you?

Yes, women's Soccer was well on the way in the Manly-Warringah district when I joined the Dee Why club. There were not many girls to start with but Dee Why sides were definitely more competitive.

ASW: You have been playing in the first division side this year. How do you find the standard compared with the rep. sides?

Naturally the standard is lower than a lot of the rep. sides although there are some very good players in our team. Our coach, Mike Speed, was State coach last year and he keeps us pretty fit. There are a lot of older players in the side and they help me a lot.

ASW: When did you get the idea you wanted to play more than Sunday afternoon football?

In 1981, Leonie Parker asked me to go with the Manly-Warringah rep. side to a tournament on the Central Coast, for experience. That is what started me wanting to play better Soccer. I started playing with the district representative sides that year as a right-back.

ASW: Did you have any "butterflies" when you first started playing for your district?

Not really. I don't get nerves although I must confess I was shaking before the last game of the Championship.

ASW: When Leonie Parker, the junior State coach, called for people to try out for the new side, what was the result?

ASW: After the side had been eventually chosen, what was the training like?

It was very solid training. Mrs Parker kept pushing work at us right from the start. Our first sessions were used to get the girls used to each other and to develop team spirit. We did not do much fitness training because Leonie said we should have done that at club level.

ASW: What was a typical training session for the State side?

We trained on Saturday afternoon and started about 1.00pm with ball skills. This was followed by a team game and a talk session at the end where the coach explained things she wanted us to

do. It usually lasted four hours and was very hard work.

ASW: What was the attitude of the girls like when you finally left Sydney for the Championships?

After we left with the northside girls and picked up the other team members at Liverpool in the far western suburbs, you could see right away that the team was going to click. There was not the usual attitude of staying with your mates — they all mixed in.

ASW: How did the girls feel after the result of the first game, which was a draw with South Queensland?

They were really determined to get back on the park and win the next one in the afternoon.

ASW: How did you like the evening at Johnny Warren's Soccer Academy?

It was great. The place is about eight miles out of town and is a big old homestead. When the groups moved into a very large hall, the teams were sitting together but it was not long before lots of girls split up from their own sides to sit with other teams.

ASW: This is a leading question, Michaela, but how do you rate Mrs Parker as a coach?

I think she is brilliant. She is so thorough in what she does and looks after the side so well. For example, she and the assistant coach stayed behind the day before and made notes on what to look for in Northern's play then came back and told us.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

NOT FAIR

I WISH to protest about an article and photo which appeared in ASW.

I have been a dedicated supporter of Canberra Arrows for the past four years. The photo shows a game between Canberra and Sydney City at Bruce Stadium. The area of the stadium shown, as anyone who has attended Bruce Stadium would know, is hardly ever occupied, even when there is a large crowd (eg 8,000 people).

The only time I have seen this ever occupied is when Australia played West Germany in the World Youth Cup.

I would be the first to admit that NSL crowds are poor but articles like this hardly do anything to help matters.

If no NSL game is being played in ACT I attend quite a few Monaro State League games. Crowds at these games would be lucky to be in the vicinity of 200-500. Even though the games are most enjoyable, I do not feel they are anywhere near the same standard as NSL Soccer.

KEITH A. SAISELL,
Charnwood ACT.

UNDER 15's

BEING an avid reader of ASW I pose this question, why has nothing been printed of the Under 15 Championships, taking place in Sydney? Also why did St George turn their backs on such a prestige event? The skill of the young players would show up some of the NSL teams. Manly is not a very good venue to have such an event, apart from the Soccer fields being like cow paddocks, it is out of the way. Also will we see some photos of the players and their background?

R. JOHNSON,
Figtree.

(We appreciate your timely note and assure you that ASW has an extra special spread to co-incide with the U 15 nationals. It is understood that St George decided against making their ground available as 28 matches would affect the playing pitch. We also believe that Manly-Warringah's ground, Cromer Park, provides an excellent substitute, and rivals St George Soccer Stadium in all but its grandstand facilities.)

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Back on duty — a familiar Sydney Olympic face, Mark Koussas. Mark couldn't do much here as Adelaide City clear.

MICKEY CROSS, skipper of Melita Eagles, has scored his first hat-trick.

Last Thursday, his wife Lynn, presented him with a daughter, Karla. The Cross's already have two boys, (Lee 3 years, and Ryan 18 months). Now with Karla on the scene, it gives Mickey his hat-trick.

With Melita sitting on top of the NSW State League, it looks like 1983 will be Mickey's best season ever.

THERE has been plenty of talk about the National League clubs staging a breakaway from the Australian Soccer Federation.

Now, in an official hand-out, the NSL stresses it is not seeking a breakaway and chairman Sam Papasavas confirmed this.

A breakaway would be suicidal because it would automatically brand everyone in the NSL, officials, coaches, players, even referees as outlaws.

FIFA recognises, and deals only with, the sports ruling national organisation (ASF). It could never negotiate with an organisation which is not recognised by the ASF.



Dez Marton

DEZ MARTON was sent off when he played for St George against Canberra Arrows, allegedly for saying something to the referee.

The offence surprised a lot of people who reckon Marton doesn't speak English!

Saints coach Frank Arok says: "We people from Yugoslavia and Hungary pick up English quickly, and Marton has been here for three years. And, by the way, Dez said NOTHING to the ref."

SYDNEY CITY coach Eddie Thomson started a paragraph in his Sydney Sunday Telegraph column with the words... Back home in Scotland.

Home? Eddie has been living and working in Australia for the past seven years — surely long enough to regard this country as his home.

THE CROWD which attended Lions recent game against Heidelberg was the lowest ever for a National League match in Queensland. Although club officials did not release any official figures, one scribe counted 117 people at the ground 20 minutes prior to the kick-off.

Some of those had attended a junior game which was the curtain-raiser and left before the main game. A handful more came through the gate, and there were about 50 people in the clubhouse, but it would have been very surprising if there had been more than 200 paying customers.

JOHN QUAYLE, the new supreme of Rugby League, was in no strange company at the lavish Sports Writers Association awards dinner at Sydney's Sheraton, Wentworth.

Quayle was seated at a table with six Soccer people — Jim Bayutti, Tony Palumbo, Karel Rodney, Tom Anderson, Tommy Docherty and David Jack.

TOMMY DOCHERTY is in trouble with the NSL because he allegedly made unkind remarks about the South Melbourne committee after the sack-ing of Rale Rasic.

The Doc isn't losing any sleep over it. Rasic, incidentally, is back in Sydney and, despite his unhappy experience at South Melbourne, he's keen to get a new club.

GRAHAM HONEYMAN has taken over as captain of West Adelaide following the retirement of sweeper Neil McGachey.

While Honeyman's

work rate can't be faulted, he is the first to admit that his lack of goals — only one in the league this season — is not the best example.

WOLLONGONG CITY are certainly the draw specialists of the NSL this year.

After 18 rounds they had 10 draws and were firmly entrenched on the bottom of the table.

The players were discussing the situation and someone pointed out they still had six home games

WHILE West Adelaide was disappointed it did not get George Best for the NSL match against Newcastle, the end result was in their favour.

The game was played in miserable weather, with rain, mud and a tiny crowd.

A NEW Soccer seafood, Disco-spot has opened up recently in the Sydney

WHAT'S happened to the form which made Jim Patikas just about the most promising young player in Australia?

Patikas has been hardly noticed in Sydney Olympic's games this season and he was a major disappointment in the World Youth Championship in Mexico.

Maybe the boy needs a long rest from Soccer to recover the sharpness that used to be his trademark.

was the 1982 outlay.

Come to think of it, Slickers' \$200,000 "economy" budget would represent untold wealth to most clubs in the NSL.

DAVID MITCHELL has been only a couple of weeks in Scotland but already the knockers claim he won't make the grade with Glasgow Rangers.

But Rangers have had a singular lack of success in recent years, indicating Mitchell doesn't have to be a superstar to be signed up at Ibrox.

On the other hand, it is accepted that, for a player to succeed in the top bracket in UK, he has to be an outstanding star in Australia. Unhappily, Mitchell has not been that.

ASW wishes Mitchell every success as we await developments.

FULL marks to Canberra Arrows for a positive approach to developing the junior game in the ACT.

That initiative was on display for early comers before the St George game.

It was the final of the Canberra Arrows Knock Out Cup for primary schools between Urambi and Page schools.

The competition has been running for some weeks for the Arrows' Trophy — with each member of the winning

team also getting a medal.

And, as it was a primary schools competition, Canberra picked its only primary teacher to present the medals — midfielder Ian Stone, who teaches in Queanbeyan.

SYDNEY Athletic Field is one of the best grounds in Soccer, but who will use it if Sydney City return to the revamped Wentworth Park?

The club has a long-standing agreement with Wentworth Park which lapsed when work on the new WP grandstand started.

Our information is that Slickers intend switching back to Wentworth Park as soon as it's ready for use.

ONE wonders what the crowd at the Sydney Athletic Field would have been if Sydney City had been playing an interstate side instead of Wollongong City last week.

Official attendance was 786.

The Wollongong side arranged two coaches to travel to the game and dozens of other supporters travelled by car.

Judging by the red and white colours sprinkled around the ground, there were more people there from Wollongong than Sydney.



It used to be the home of Sydney Soccer — and it'll be ready for a "comeback" in 1984. This is Wentworth Park where a new \$10,000,000 grandstand is at last taking shape.

in which to improve their position.

Captain Chris Dun, leavy, despite being out injured, still has his sense of humour.

He said: "Yes, that's six points."

Coach Willie Wallace still has his sleepless nights working out which of the draws should have been "three pointers."

Even if they had grabbed an extra goal in six of the 10 draws they would be half way up the table.

GARDEN suburb primary school have a regular Monday morning assembly. Recently their guest speaker was Mike Channon, but he missed the deadline when his plane was late.

Mike didn't let the kids down. With the support of the Principal, Mike turned up and gave his talk at a special meeting on Wednesday.

He was a very popular figure during his stay with Newcastle United.

WATSON'S CROSSES

THERE have been many comments made recently on how our youngsters are being taught to win before they are taught the basic skills of the game.

I agree 100 per cent that kids should be allowed to develop the skills of the game first and foremost.

At the same time the coaching of these skills must not be boring and mundane; it must be made into a fun thing.

It's no good concentrating only on the skills of Soccer, if the kids are bored after 10 minutes.

There are many games that can be incorporated into coaching with a little imagination from the coaches. Games such as headers, which I have never seen played here, or head tennis.

These games are fun to play and are great for improving skills.

I don't pretend to know all the answers but I do know one thing, if the kids are bored it's not surprising we lose most of them in later years.

I also find it incredible that a full size pitch is used for teams at Under 8 level.

In my opinion, a small pitch should be used even up to the age of 10 or 11. I have watched boys play on a full size pitch and seen them totally fed up after the game.

Some probably only touched the ball a handful of times

in the entire game.

That's why the small pitch must be used as often as possible so the kids can become involved more often in the play.

I'm sure you'll agree they would enjoy it more. That's what playing Soccer is all about, having fun and really enjoying the game.

Next Sunday we play Newcastle KB and it is a game both teams have to win to keep up the challenge for top spot.

While it is our home game we won't be playing at the Athletic Field where we have a perfect record this year. Instead we'll be playing on the Central Coast at Gosford.

I'm still confident the Slickers can continue the good form of recent weeks and take the points.

It could be one of the closest finishes to the competition for many years, but down Bondi way, there is an air of confidence.

The Slickers can do it again.



Joe



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

PRESTO WIN TEN FREE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY SCHOLARSHIPS at the JOHNNY WARREN SOCCER ACADEMY

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KADINA AND KOGARAH IN BANK FINAL

KOGARAH HIGH will meet Kadina High in the 1983 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup Final at Marconi Stadium on Wednesday August 17.

Kadina reached the final with a 2-0 victory over highly fancied Canterbury in Lismore last Tuesday whilst Kogarah beat Marsden in the other semi final at Marconi Stadium last Wednesday evening.

Kadina, the surprise packet of the 1983 Commonwealth Bank Cup, never looked back in their semi-final win over Canterbury from the moment David Sharpe put them ahead with a spectacular 25 metre volley in the third minute.

It was a goal in a million as the youngster, who will join the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra next year, dipped his tremendous shot over the head of Canterbury goalkeeper George Vougdias to give Kadina a great start to this vital match.

The first half was evenly contested with Kadina spurred on by the 2,000 odd local supporters led by the Kadina High School cheer squad.

In this period Peter Johnson for Kadina was impressive, highlighted by a 20 metre shot which brought the best out of goalkeeper Vougdias.

Franco Bortolin was always dangerous in the Canterbury attack whilst George Vougdias was impressive in Canterbury's goal.

For Kadina, Johnson, Sharpe and Stephen Kelly were the pick.

The deciding goal came in the 34th minute, just a minute from half-time. A free kick from Kadina's Andrew Pearce on the right flank was missed by two Canterbury defenders as it skidded across the muddy penalty area.

The ball was controlled and placed in the corner of the net by David Svoboda, one of the three Kadina players selected by Frank Arok to train with Saints in the forthcoming school holiday period. (The others are Paul Foster and David Sharpe).

It was obvious that at 2-0 at half-time, Kadina were going to take some beating: especially as Stephen Kelly was marshalling the Kadina defence in fine style. Canterbury despite their skills and efforts in the second half never looked like pegging Kadina back and came closest to scoring two minutes from full time when Franco Bortolin's 20 metre kick around the wall was brilliantly tipped on to and over the crossbar by Kadina's goalkeeper Peter Marshall.

All in all, a deserved win for Kadina who now go on to the final — and perhaps become the first "country" school (i.e. outside the Sydney/New-

castle/Wollongong areas) to take out the coveted and prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Teams were: Kadina: Peter Marshall, Stephen Kelly, Jamie Maher, David Sharpe, Andrew Pearce, David Munro, Peter Johnson, Paul Foster, Robert Scullin, Craig Foster, David Svoboda. Reserves: Mark Matthews, Peter Singh, Andrew Howell. Coach: Tony Quayle.

Canterbury: George Vougdias, Bruno Beddoni, Vito Carrozo, Bob Villatara, Con Efthemiadis, George Angelis, Sam Varica, Maurice Bortolin, Ennio Morsom, Franco Bortolin, Manuel Camara. Reserves: George Dimoudis, Nick Podopoulos, Manuel Klapas, Dominic Zucaro. Coach: Geoff Adams.

In the other semi-final, Kogarah and last year's winners Marsden put on a thrill a minute spectacle at Marconi Stadium when after being locked at 1-1 after extra-time Kogarah went through to the final on penalty kicks.

Kogarah were the more impressive side in the first half and it came as no surprise in the 7th minute when Peter Mitrovski put them one up with a well-placed angle shot. Mitrovski's goal was the culmination of a length of

the field movement initiated by Peter Petkovski with the final penetrating pass to Mitrovski coming from Chris Polias.

If it was Kogarah's first half, it was Marsden's second half. They were rejuvenated after the interval and thoroughly deserved their equalising goal which came in the 41st minute from a tremendous 30 meter shot from Pep Capello.

It was unfortunate there had to be a loser as both teams displayed skills, enthusiasm and entertainment far beyond their years. Kogarah eventually won through on the penalty deciders and now go on to meet the talented Kadina outfit in the final at Marconi Stadium tomorrow week.

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VICTORIA REPORTING

JACK REILLY BLASTS SOUTH COMMITTEE

BY FRED VILLIERS

GLAMOUR club South Melbourne has never had any success since it left the Victorian State League as champions seven years ago to play in the National League.

This week, Jack Reilly, the former Australian World Cup goalkeeper and Melbourne businessman, in an ASW interview, said he thought he knew why the club had failed — a lack of professionalism in club administration.

"There is a huge problem in the club's administration," he said. "I don't believe a club which is supposed to be so professional can be run by 13 or 15 amateurs," he alleged.

"There are far too many cooks in the administration set-up: when things are going well the situation is reasonable. But as soon as results don't go their way — a draw is a bad result at Middle Park as we all know — things change. Two or three defeats and all of a sudden players tend to be able to pick out the weak ones on the committee.

"The players find the shoulders to cry on and then we have that old thing 'Player Power' that they talk about.

"I think it's sad that this happens as South Melbourne has to be successful to make Australian Soccer successful.

"It's a club that can, if playing well, draw 12,000 people through the turnstiles every home game. And it's dollars through those turnstiles that make the game tick.

"It makes the game what it should be. With South Melbourne not being successful, every club in Australia suffers," he said.

Jack said he didn't think with the present administrative set-up the club could be successful.

"I think they will have to have a long hard look at themselves and say 'Right, we have a hard core support of 5,000. That 5,000 is going to bring us in \$25,000. But we have a potential support of 12,000 which means another \$35,000.'

"They have to get to the situation where they are run by a professional committee — a committee of three or four. And if they care to form half a dozen other committees, let them look after the dances and the raffles. Let them get on with that but leave the professional business of running the club to the three or four people who really know what they're doing.

"Until they do that, they're not going to be successful and Australian Soccer is not going to be successful," said Jack.



Jack Reilly in his playing days

'NO WEDDING FOR US' SAYS ZAHRA

TALK that the two Victorian Maltese-inspired State League clubs Green Gully and Sunshine-George Cross will amalgamate is "all rubbish" according to Alf Zahra.

Alf is president of the Sunshine-George Cross combine which is now doing well after the introduction of Scottish professional coach Tommy Traynor.

Before his arrival a few months ago, the team was heading for relegation but in recent weeks they have been looking good.

In the first nine games of the season, Sunshine-George Cross gained only three points, scored 10 goals, and conceded 21.

In their last nine games the combine picked up 15 points out of 18 and scored 22 goals conceding seven.

But any speculation of Green Gully, last year's League champions, joining up in a happy marriage is out of the question despite the thoughts of many Western Suburbs of Melbourne fans who would like to see this happen.

"They believe, rightly so, a strong Maltese club in the area would be a top proposition for the National League and would attract much larger crowds than the two are drawing now.

"The attitude of the other side would have to change," Zahra told me.

"We can't talk business with them. It would certainly be a great thing for Soccer but at the moment we're not thinking about it because everything is going well for us," he said.

THE DOC IS OUT OF STEP

By Con Nikolopoulos

SYDNEY OLYMPIC coach Tommy Docherty has incurred the wrath of South Melbourne Committee of Management with comments about their performance.

Public Relations Officer Nick Collins hit back at the Doc suggesting "he should concentrate on his own problems and refrain from making derogatory comments against people he has not even met."

"We are outraged by his comments and intend to take the matter up with the management of the League."

"We would like to know his qualifications to comment on our performance," said Collins.

"Our advice to him is to sort out his own mess at Sydney Olympic first and then comment publicly about the performance of other clubs."

"With reference to the Rasic affair, he is totally out of step and should retract his statement. I think he should devise some more positive method of promoting himself rather than knocking other clubs or individuals," concluded Collins.



SOCCER STAYS ON 3UZ

BUFFALO Sport's Soccer Half Hour on 3UZ every Friday night at eight has been so popular this year, the Victorian Soccer Federation has recommended a further three months running of the program.

Anchor man is Sydneysider Craig Willis, a former Soccer player in the harbour city, who is assisted by ASW's Melbourne correspondent Fred Villiers.

In recent weeks the producer, Brad Higgins, has organised interviews with players, coaches and club men throughout the State linking them to the studio on a talk-back session.

Last week, Morwell Falcons' publicity chief, Eric Hutton, spoke from his home in the Latrobe Valley and confirmed the club's dynamic president, Don DeFabrizio, was stepping down at the end of the year.

The loss of Don, the big steel magnate in the Valley, will be a big loss to the first successful country club to play in the State League since the Federation was formed in 1959.

VSF CHAIRMAN IS NOT RESIGNING

DURING Michael Weinstein's enforced two-month "holiday" through illness from the Victorian Soccer scene there have been many rumours the VSF chairman will step down at the end of the year.

I can assure you the rumours are without foundation, says Fred Villiers.

I spoke with him exclusively for ASW readers last week just before he flew off to the Gold Coast to recuperate.

I asked the Australian Soccer Federation vice president about his future in the game.

"It will take more than a nasty virus to get me down," he said.

"Next month I will be back in full swing."

I asked him if he was stepping down at the end of the year.

"You know better than that," he said. "I'm not a quitter. I intend to carry on as long as the clubs and my Board of Management want me."

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

GULLY AND CROATIA SHARE LEAD

BY FRED VILLIERS

MELBOURNE CROATIA and Green Gully both won their Victorian State League games on Sunday to ensure a thrilling finish to the League this year. Croatia beat Morwell Falcons 3-0 while Green Gully beat Box Hill 3-1 after being held to a 1-1 draw at half-time.

League leaders, Croatia, and Green Gully share top place with 32 points each but Croatia have a seven goal difference advantage.

Croatia started well with a great goal by winger, Tommy Cummings, after 10 minutes. He scored from a Steve Gojevic pass and beat 17 year-old keeper, Romeo Prezioso, who replaced regular keeper, Bill Whiteside, out of action with broken ribs.

Morwell did well to hold the Croatians to a 1-0 score at half-time. Defender Harry Bingham, a former Scottish professional, was the man mainly responsible for Mor-

well's solid backline.

In the second half, Croatia scored two goals in three minutes. David Brogan netted No 2 in the 77th minute and three minutes later, Tommy Cummings again found the net. Both goals came from Jeff Faulkner passes.

Green Gully had to fight hard to win at home and stay in the championship race. Player-coach, David Smallman, opened the score and goals soon followed from Paul and Peter Lewis.

Smallman has now 14 to his credit, but Paul Lewis is the League's top scorer, with 19 goals.

Gully keeper, Lou De-

nys, played his 150th game for his club on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Croydon City beat fifth-placed Melbourne 3-1 to move into fourth place and Ringwood City beat Northcote City 1-0, with a goal by Neil Derby, to move from 13th to 12th on the ladder. Northcote drop from 8th to 10th place.

Juventus scored two goals in the last six minutes to beat Polonia 2-0 and stay in third place, two points from the leaders.

Doveton surprised with a 2-1 win over George Cross to keep them above the relegation battle while Fawcner at home beat Albion Rovers 2-0.

WALTER MITTY WORLD OF MARKETING

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE turmoil over the format for next season's NSL competition is certainly the most controversial issue on the Soccer front at present.

The final outcome of the issue will have an everlasting effect on the game in this country.

For me, this affair has brought back memories of the last big controversy in the NSL ranks two years ago — on Wednesday, August 12, 1981 to be precise.

That was the eventful day when the ASF Marketing Company released to the media that curious document relating to the foolhardy plan to try and introduce summer Soccer.

This week I blew the dust off that publication. When I thumbed through the pages, I found a number of the considerations put forward relating to the future of the NSL in 1981 have again cropped up in the proposed format for next season's NSL.

I suppose this was to be expected, with another marketing company highly involved in the planning of the new format. In my opinion, all marketing people seem to be tarred with the same brush.

There is no denying that some of the proposals in the 1981 plan had merit; others had not. Any attempt to introduce the controversial ones will bring nothing but further trouble and arguments and this is something we can all do without.

The theme of the 1981 document was — "Either we live by accident and die by accident — or we live by plan and die by plan..." That indeed provokes a great deal of thought at present.

For me there was more than a great deal of kite flying in the 1981 document and the 'hope for the best' approach clearly outweighed the needed realistic action.

The opening chapter of the publication was titled: "A review of Soccer in 1990. Fact or Fiction?"

Whoever wrote this piece was undoubtedly a dreamer, a Walter Mitty character who clearly hoped and longed for the impossible to happen. Don't we all at times?

But, in the light of what has recently taken place, this Soccer 1990 seems light years away and impossible and in fact could well be an episode from Mr Spock's television series "Star Trek."

Here are some of the frustrations and hopes of the 1981 marketing dreamer as he wrote about Soccer in Australia in 1990.

"1990 was a big year for Soccer in Australia. In the bi-annual Test series

clash between Australia and England in July, a capacity crowd of over 40,000 at the Parramatta Park Stadium saw the Australian Socceroos narrowly defeat England in an exciting 'shootout' finish to a drawn result of 5-5 after playing a fourth quarter of 30 minutes of extra time.

"The nine network were ecstatic with the telecast of the match which scored a rating of 40 in Australia, and which was also telecast live by Satel-Pak to England to an estimated audience of some 30 million viewers.

"The previous month Australia defeated Japan 3-0 in Newcastle to secure a place in the 1990 World Cup Final series to be played for the first time in the United States of America.

"Australia started as joint favourites with the United States to take out this prestigious world event which attracted a television viewing audience of over 8 billion. The final was eventually won by Canada beating Brazil 2-0.

"Australian national coach Craig Johnston obtained permission from the English Football Association to have four of the Australian national team members released from English first division clubs one month prior to the World Cup



Murray Barnes, \$100,000 a year coaching contract... if you're a dreamer.

"Parramatta Eels beat the Gold Coast Surfers in the national Super League Cup Final 4-2 to walk away with the Arthur George trophy and \$100,000 in prize money for the second year in succession.

"Patrick Singleton, son of John, the famous old advertising tycoon from the mid seventies, scored his fourth hat-trick of the season in this exciting match. Officials at the Bruce Stadium expressed concern about the increase in activity by ticket scalpers who this year were asking \$50 for a Cup Final seat.



Dr Spock of TV fame — maybe he should get into marketing Soccer in Australia!

"Two new franchises were issued for the Australian Soccer League — the Gosford Boatmen will join the Townsville Sharks in 1991 making the National League total of 20 franchises for this year. Two other franchisees have also changed hands with Tooth's Breweries buying the prestigious Tasman Tigers franchise in Hobart and Kerry Packer paying half a million dollars for the Sydney Slickers franchise.

"Australian Soccer League coach Murray Barnes renewed his contract with Wollongong Wolves at an undisclosed figure believed to exceed \$100,000.

"In an international challenge series played in December, three Australian Soccer League teams including one from New South Wales — Sydney Slickers — competed against Tottenham, Real Madrid and Celtic in a knock-out challenge series at the Parramatta Park Stadium over a 10-day period with the series being won by Liverpool with the Slickers coming third.

"The national indoor Soccer League final at the Haymarket Entertainment Centre was won by Liverpool Colts who stormed home to a tremendous finish in the fourth quarter against Perth Stingrays to win 15-10.

"In the international indoor series, two Australian teams competed for the quarter million dollar purse in the final play-offs against New York Arrows, Liverpool, Auckland Wanderers, the

Chicago Bears and Tokyo Bombers.

"The Victorian Federation signed a deal with ABC-0-28 cable television for replay rights to the State League grand final series. The contract is estimated to be worth \$100,000 for three matches.

"The new yellow and green ball, recently approved by FIFA was given ASF and State Federation approval for use at all League games around Australia. This moulded ball with its series of wind channels cut in the surface, has in recent tests improved the accuracy of passing and shots by players at goal by approximately 12 per cent.

"A special version of the ball with a built-in transistorised microphone is being used in all television matches so that viewers can actually hear the thud and whistle of the ball as it is kicked around the field.

"The Australian Soccer Referees' Federation has made it mandatory for all referees to wear transistorised watches which are synchronised to the video-screen clocks.

"A leading electronics company announced that sales of their 10 foot television screens have increased by 15 per cent following their successful advertising campaign using the endorsement of leading Soccer players and other sporting personalities.

One can only dream. But it is to be hoped that at this critical time in club Soccer, reality and not dreams will be the driving force of our administrators.

Time will undoubtedly tell!

ASW PERSONALITY

PETER'S A TOP CLUB MAN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SINCE coming to Australia from England, Peter Hensman has proved himself a great club player and crowd pleaser with his robust style of play.

The powerful winger, scorer of many magnificent goals, is electrifying to watch and has given great value to the clubs he has served.

Over the years, I've seen Peter bring the crowd to its feet the moment he touches the ball.

Action is what the fans want and Peter invariably gives them that.

Apart from his thundering raids down the touchline, he is a powerful crosser of the ball — something his fellow strikers like.

But what Soccer fans don't know is that Hensman was almost lost to Soccer last week.

Peter had made up his mind to give Soccer away for personal reasons. It would have been a disaster for his club.

Playing for NSW State League Club, Croatia, Peter suffered fractured vertebrae earlier this year and missed a few matches.

This worried Hensman to the extent that he had made up his mind last week to retire, even though his back is better again.

But after a serious talk with Croatia coach, Joseph Kuze, Peter was inspired to continue.

I quizzed Peter about his future and here's what he had to say.

"I always wanted to be able to retire whilst I was still at the top. Not to linger on well past my best and then go out of the game. Too many players have done this and are still doing it here, and throughout the world," he said.

Peter added: "For which ever club I have played for in my career, I have always aimed to give top value to them. I still want to do that."

Peter Hensman is a real match winner and a Grand Final specialist. In Sydney, he has scored four goals in Grand Finals for Sydney Olympic and Croatia.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BIRTHDAY: May 17, 1952.

BIRTHPLACE: Birmingham, England.

HEIGHT: Six foot.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Worcester, Bromsgrove Rovers, St George, Sydney Olympic and currently with Croatia.

MARRIED?: "Yes. My wife's named Jill."

FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS?: "Phil O'Connor and Steve Watson."

BEST COACHES?: "Dom Kapetanovic and Joseph Kuze were the best I've had here in Australia."

FAVOURITE TEAMS: "Besides Croatia, I like



Croatia's Peter Hensman in action

Q: How will your club, Croatia, finish the season?

A: "I think we are good enough to win the championship, but Melita will take some beating. We will just have to wait and see."

Q: Your general comments about Australian Soccer and what you would like to see happen?

A: "I would like to see the general standard improve and that one day Australia eventually is able to win the World Cup. If that ever happened it would have a volcanic effect on Soccer throughout the nation and inspire the thousands of our young players."

Q: What are some of Soccer's present ailments?

A: "Inconsistent refereeing. It is heart-breaking to players really."

Q: What about some advice for young Soccer players?

A: "Yes, but not to the young players so much as to the parents. They should get off the kids' backs. Leave them to play with the ball and take competitive-pressure off them. Let them enjoy the game and learn to love it instead of the kids growing up and getting sick of the pressure to win. That all comes much later for them, don't worry about that."

Peter has been a deadly marksman in recent years, keeping in mind that he is a winger. From 1980 to date, Peter has hit the target 45 times, not to mention the numerous goals he has engineered with his deadly crosses.

Hensman must not retire. He is too good to give the game away yet. Peter is a real Soccer personality, and a great crowd-pleaser who still has many miles left in him.

When eventually Peter Hensman does retire, Croatia's firing line will lose much of its sting and authority. Players like Hensman are always very difficult to replace.

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FUTURE SOCCEROOS IN NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINALS

THE NSW Youth League finals being played on Saturday afternoon and night at the excellent Marconi Stadium will showcase some of Australia's best junior Soccer.

From these ranks will come the nation's future champions. Proof of that can already be seen from the success of some of the NSW players who appeared in the green-and-gold in Mexico in June.

It is a great credit to the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation that they took control of this competition and blended in Association representative teams with the junior units of the major clubs.

There has been a gradual shake-out that has seen standards improve to the credit of all concerned.

This year, five club teams and three from the associations have reached the finals and hearty congratulations to them.

Leading officials such as Sydney Branch president, Harrie Denning, and secretary, Fred Bones, have reason to be pleased with the season's accomplishments in this very important League.

It is appropriate also to congratulate Bill Cullinan for the tremendous work he has put in over the year running this and other competitions and handling the results and points.

The Amateurs are very grateful to Marconi Club president, Cosimo Mariani, and his directors for making this excellent ground available to them.

Another benefactor of the NSW Amateurs is the 'Attack' sportswear company, headed by a great Soccer enthusiast in Tony Ratcliffe.

Each winning team player will receive a voucher entitling him to an 'Attack' Chinook jacket. Similarly the players of the runners-up are given a voucher for an 'Attack' jacket.

Let us look at some of the points of these fine sides.

UNDER 13 FINAL ILLAWARRA V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Illawarra is coached by Brian Bott and managed by former Canterbury winger, Ross Warren.

Since they came together in 1980, the team has won State and Metropolitan titles, the Sid Tanner Cup as well as the 'Banana' Cup at Coffs Harbour.

They won the Mini Ampol Cup this year, defeating St George 2-0.

Four players, Ian Padewski (Coledale), Jamie Warren (Kiama), Simon Hull and Mineou Boniteg (Albion Park) were selected in the NSW team for Alice Springs and the Australian Championships.

Opponents Olympic came first in their group and only dropped one point throughout the year.

Amongst the fine youngsters are striker, Joe Russo, and midfielder and captain, Eric Hrist. Goalkeeper, Phillip Pirie, has had a great season. The team has been

coached by Greg Ankudinoff and managed by Chris Hrist.

UNDER 14 FINAL APIA V CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION

It is great to see Canterbury, which competes with so many other clubs for its representative players, coming out to play in such an important final.

Their opponents, APIA, believe they have the strongest squad in NSW, but it will be a matter of which team comes out on top on the day.

Aldo Radice, the smallest player in the Youth League, is rated very highly for his tremendous all-round ability.

His cousin, Dean Radice, has made the NSW team as centre-forward and he is the season's leading scorer.

The team has joint coaches in Tony Raciti, long experienced in developing players for Leighardt NSL club, and Joe Lebo.

Tony is adamant that the club deserves more state representation.

UNDER 15 FINAL ILLAWARRA V MARCONI

Coached by Dawson Brown and managed by Vic Madison, this young Illawarra side finished on top of their pool.

The Wollongong City club is looking for some of these youngsters to come through to their senior team in the years to come.

Marconi's under 15 team has battled through after a modest start to reach their present excellent position.

There is distinct talent in this team which will come to the fore next season in

under 16. The coach is former Marconi player, Alfredo Moschen, and they are managed by Tony Giasante.

UNDER 16 FINAL MARCONI V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Olympic is a very intelligent and skilful team. Chris Kalantzis, for example, made his way from this team and has even played in the National League for the club.

Amongst the others who are doing very well are central striker, Andrew Zervas, Steve Melissourgos and skipper Steve Politi. Paul Ankudinoff is coach and Chris Hrist the manager.

Marconi rates their under 16 team so highly that a special conference was held between Doug Collins, Mike Hickman, Ray Richards, Stan Gabriel, Frank Labbozzetta and Keith Charles to plan their future.

The players won the 1982 Metropolitan and State championships and already have the Metropolitan this year.

Many of these players will go straight to the under 19 Youth team.

This year John Veneri was excellent on the left and he is a fine goalkeeper as well. Raf Marko, in midfield, is one of many talented players in the squad.

So all concerned can look forward to a great set of finals, starting from 2pm, with the under 16 final under lights at 7.30 pm.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



"ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

CROATIA PROVE TOO STRONG

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

CROATIA delivered Avala's aspirations of the top four a major setback following their comprehensive 5-0 victory at King Tomislav.

The well drilled mid-field combination, the solid defensive work and attacking flair of Hensman, Savor and Arnold once again proved to be the major factor in this important victory for Croatia.

This win puts them in equal first position with Melita but second on goalscoring difference.

Avala can feel disappointed with this effort when you consider that in the first round they lost the game by the odd goal in the dying stages.

Muniz, who toiled all day in the midfield and Ahrens, who displayed a fine piece of goalkeeping for Avala — despite the scoreline — starred for Avala.

Holloway showed his willingness to attack in the opening minute when his attempt with only Ahrens to beat was parried against the bar and scrambled clear. Disappointingly for Holloway he was taken from the

field in the 15th minute after incurring a knee injury.

Woods, who has had a fantastic year, scored his side's first goal in the 35th minute after he volleyed the ball from 25 metres into goal. Seconds later Hensman drove the ball into goal from 10 meters following good lead-up work from Rezo and Tomasic.

Hensman maintained his attacking prowess with attempts in the 45th and 55th minutes. The first he planted straight to Ahrens and the second was brilliantly pushed wide by Ahrens.

Arnold made it 3-0 in the 60th minute with his confident low drive into goal following a quickly taken indirect free-kick.

The fourth goal came 10 minutes later when a shot from Rezo was blocked and Barton was beaten in the attempt to clear the ball by Savor, who made no mistake.

Arnold sealed Avala's fate with seconds remaining. He ran on to a pass from the middle of the field, outpaced every defender and slotted it past Ahrens.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods (Vidaic 65), Sterrey, Basic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Holloway (Hensman 15).

AVALA: Ahrens, Lembyk, Deller (Barton 20), MacKenzie, Vujnovic, Milne, Hosseini, Muniz, Tilt, Yousuph (Fernandez 40), Mahamah.

GOALS: Croatia (Arnold 60, 89, Woods 35, Hensman 36, Savor 70).

MANLY MIDFIELD SET-UP VICTORY

MANLY recorded a vital 3-1 victory over Yugal at Fraser Park.

The first half was keenly contested with Berry, the Yugal goalkeeper, figuring prominently. He spectacularly parried a Steven shot early in the game and in the 25th minute he confidently saved a Jones header from a Manly corner.

The speed of Stuart on the right flank figured prominently in the first two Manly goals. In the 55th minute he dashed down the right side, crossed to Jack and he headed home. Three minutes later he repeated this effort for Smith to head home unmarked on the far post.

Smith displayed tenacious skill in the 64th minute. Despite being tackled by two defenders he managed to slip the ball to Keith Falconer who drove the ball into goal from 15 metres.

In the last 15 minutes Yugal maintained pressure on the Manly goal and scored their consolation in the 74th minute. From a free-kick, Morsello squared the ball for Mihaljovic and he curled it around the wall and into goal.

Yugal were best served by McIntosh, Mihaljovic, Berry and Clarke. The midfield machine of Steven, Jones and Peter Falconer were too strong for their counterparts and Stuart displayed his speed in attack.

YUGAL: Berry, Clarke, Turkoglu, Gogic, Forrester, Baumgartner (Morsello), Mihaljovic, McIntosh, Tanoski, Pahor, Bonic.

MANLY: Cassettari, Geoghegan, Williamson, K. Falconer, Knoble, Steven, Jones, Jack (Garett 70), Smith (Dick 80), P. Falconer, Stuart.

GOALS: Manly (Jack 55, Smith 58, K. Falconer 64), Yugal (Mihaljovic 74).



Shane Clinch hit the target twice for Sutherland.

DEMONS LUCK

BLACKTOWN City overcame a determined Polonia in recording a vital 2-1 victory at Chopin Park.

The game was played in a physical but fair manner with the Demons sealing victory in the dying stages.

Blacktown took the lead in the 40th minute following a strong run on the left and cross from Turnbull which deceived both Galas and Irak Garlowski. McLaughlin darted through and picked his spot to score.

Polonia equalised with a well executed goal early

in the 76th minute. Tracey put a fine ball through for Kowalscyk; he nodded it on for Sobcsyk who made no mistake.

In the dying minutes the Demons took an unbeatable lead when a corner from Selvage was headed down by Stoddart and it bounced off Galas' foot and into goal despite the attempts from Barker and Ziggy Garlowski.

POLONIA: I. Garlowski, Geekie, Z. Garlowski, Galas, Tracey, Kowalscyk, Leek, Ortega, Sobcsyk, Thomas (Lasek 70, Suigel 79).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Brogan, Turnbull, Wheatley, Pointer, Selvage, Davies, Stoddart, Pearson (O'Shana 68, McLaughlin (Thornwaite 84), Larkin.

GOALS: Blacktown (McLaughlin 40, Galas OG 82), Polonia (Sobcsyk

SHARKS SLAY AUBURN

SUTHERLAND moved to within one point of the top four, with a game in hand, after they comprehensively accounted for Auburn 6-1 at Seymour Shaw Park.

The Sutherland side produced an entertaining brand of attacking Soccer and certainly proved to the critics that they are semi-final contenders.

The first half was keenly contested with Sutherland taking the initiative and scoring two goals through the efforts of Harrington and Clinch.

The second half was the deciding factor of the game with Clinch adding another goal and also goals from Groome, Beggs and Cashman. Kilkelly scored a consolation goal for Auburn with minutes remaining.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terrey, Schuman, Dal Forno (McNeice 80), Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs, Groome, Rogers.

AUBURN: Walker, Promelja, Kilkelly, Planinic, Quigley, McDermid (Hardwick), Bobinac, Allen, Townson, Carney, Martinez.

GOALS: Sutherland (Clinch 2, Groome 1, Beggs 1, Harrington 1, Cashman 1), Auburn (Kilkelly 1).

BERRIES CRUSH INTER-MONARO

CANT-M'VILLE dealt Monaro a savage blow after they comprehensively defeated them 6-2 at Arlington Oval.

The game was played in a fast, entertaining and attacking style with both sides showing a willingness to push forward. However, the skill and attacking flair of Laing, Basterfield, Theodorakopoulos and Agnostopoulos proved too much for the visiting Monaro side.

In the 5th minute, Agnostopoulos put Canterbury ahead with a well taken goal following lead-up work from Theodorakopoulos and Laing. Godzik replied for Monaro three minutes later when he collected a loose ball on the edge of the area and picked his spot with a confident drive.

In the 13th minute, Thamnidis produced the best goal of the game. Laing picked up a loose ball in the midfield, squared the ball for Thamnidis and his first time shot from 25 metres never looked like missing the target.

Disappointingly for the Berries, Thamnidis was sent from the field in the 21st minute. But despite being reduced to 10 men, they went on to score four more entertaining goals.

Anagnostopoulos scored

his double when he ran onto a through pass from Philipiou and chipped over the advancing Monaro goalie, Hocking. Monaro pegged one back minutes later when Colbertaldo broke through on the right flank and his angled shot dipped into goal.

Theodorakopoulos, who has scored two hat-tricks in successive weeks, made it 4-2 when he pounced on a loose ball in the goal mouth and put it low past Hocking. He repeated the effort in the 63rd minute when he followed through a Basterfield shot which was mishandled by Hocking and planted it home.

The Berries produced some deft touches to record their last goal. A low corner from Basterfield was nodded on by Laing to Theodorakopoulos, who picked his spot and headed into goal.

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Laws, Palmer, Anagnostopoulos (Fterniatis 81), Laing, Philipiou (Demetriou 81), Theodorakopoulos, Thamnidis, Basterfield.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovich, Charles (Vieri 45), Santolin, Francis, Willox, Monterosso, Lawler, Godzik, Arquero, Colbertaldo.

GOALS: Cant-M'ville (Theodorakopoulos 40, 63, 68, Agnostopoulos 5, 27, Thamnidis 13), Inter-Monaro (Godzik 8, Colbertaldo 34).

CHASERS SLAY BANKSTOWN

KU-RING-GAI overcame a disappointing Bankstown 5-1 at the Soccer Centre to record their best victory of the season.

Bankstown were disjointed and lacked a willingness to fight for possession. Captain-coach Alan Bourke, Blackburn in midfield and sweeper King were the only players to stand out for the home team.

On the other hand Ku-Ring-Gai took their opportunities with open arms. In the 11th minute Leak made a fine individual run across the field to score McKegan latched on to a loose ball in a goalmouth scramble to score in the 30th minute.

Berry scored from the spot in the 54th minute following a foul by Giffin. McKegan showed his wil-

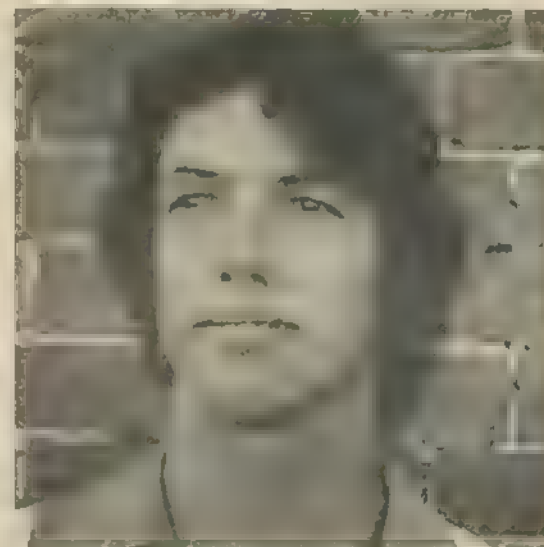
lingness to score in 75 minutes when he half-volleyed a defensive clearance from Bankstown following a Ku-Ring-Gai free-kick to smash into goal.

Watson sealed the game to score Ku-Ring-Gai's fifth goal in the 78th minute. Bankstown received their consolation after Sirett scored from the spot following a foul on Brown.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Dalton, King, Agostino, Kennedy, Brown, Bourke, Parker (Hasnic 67), Blackburn, York, Silines (Sirett 45).

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Berry, Bertram (Watson 30), Robertson, Leak, Knight (Regan 76), Williamson, Davidson, McKegan, Seach.

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Leak 11, McKegan 30, 75, Berry 54, Watson 78), Bankstown (Sirett 85).



Derek Laing played with inspiration in the midfield for Canterbury.



Marijan Kovacic

NSW TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	19	14	2	3	39	10	30
Croatia	19	12	6	1	37	10	30
Blacktown	19	13	0	6	40	20	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	19	9	5	5	27	19	23
Sutherland	18	9	4	5	28	20	22
Inter-Monaro	19	7	6	6	27	25	20
Manly	20	7	6	7	31	30	20
Avala	19	7	6	6	24	27	20
Cant-Mville	19	6	3	10	31	38	15
Yugal	18	4	7	8	17	30	11
Polonia	18	3	5	10	21	39	11
Bankstown	19	2	4	13	20	48	8
Auburn	19	2	2	15	19	54	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	18	14	5	0	51	13	39
Manly	20	12	4	4	30	25	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	19	10	7	2	43	16	27
Melita	19	10	7	2	55	32	27
Bankstown	18	10	6	2	39	22	28
Sutherland	17	12	0	5	50	16	24
Croatia	18	6	5	7	29	29	17
Avala	17	5	4	9	30	38	14
Auburn	19	5	3	11	25	40	13
Inter-Monaro	19	4	2	13	16	45	10
Cant-Mville	19	4	1	14	24	48	9
Yugal	18	2	4	13	18	60	8
Polonia	18	1	4	13	11	51	8

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-Mville	17	10	5	1	30	13	26
Melita	16	8	7	3	38	19	23
Sutherland	15	11	0	4	35	15	22
Croatia	17	8	6	3	34	20	22
Manly	19	8	5	6	44	24	21
Blacktown City	18	6	7	5	31	20	19
Polonia	18	6	3	5	16	19	19
Bankstown	18	5	4	7	24	29	14
Ku-Ring-Gai	18	5	4	9	25	31	14
Auburn	17	4	4	8	20	34	12
Avala	18	4	4	10	23	41	12
Yugal	17	0	2	15	12	65	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	21	14	3	4	46	23	31
Warr-N'been	20	13	4	3	38	18	30
Fairy Meadow	20	12	4	4	38	22	29
Gladesville	20	12	3	5	37	25	27
Wollongong Utd	20	9	7	4	37	21	25
Artarmon	21	9	3	9	39	33	21
Revesby Works	20	8	9	5	37	32	21
Dee Why	19	8	5	6	27	28	21
Penrith Utd	21	5	10	6	24	20	20
Blacktown Utd	22	6	6	10	20	25	18
Nth Bankstown	19	5	3	10	31	34	15
Uni of NSW	21	4	5	12	17	34	13
Para City	21	3	5	12	18	42	12
Belmore	21	0	4	17	15	69	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	20	15	4	1	57	16	34
Gladesville	20	14	4	2	61	12	32
Warr-N'been	20	9	8	3	39	17	26
Penrith Utd	19	9	5	4	41	19	23
Revesby Works	20	11	1	8	47	32	23
Para City	21	10	3	8	39	42	23
Nth Bankstown	18	9	4	5	35	24	22
Wollongong Utd	20	9	4	7	41	38	22
Artarmon	21	8	2	11	34	54	18
Rockdale	21	7	2	12	29	43	16
Blacktown Utd	20	5	2	13	25	50	12
Belmore	21	4	3	14	26	51	11
Dee Why	19	4	2	13	16	40	10
Uni of NSW	21	3	2	16	16	59	8

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	20	18	0	2	82	20	36
Penrith Utd	17	15	1	1	63	20	31
Uni of NSW	21	11	5	5	38	24	27
Gladesville	20	9	7	4	40	23	25
Dee Why	19	11	3	5	38	22	25
Para City	21	9	4	8	31	33	22
Warr-N'been	20	8	4	8	33	35	20
Nth Bankstown	18	7	3	8	37	39	17
Belmore	21	7	3	11	29	34	17
Blacktown Utd	20	6	4	10	33	43	16
Rockdale	21	6	4	11	23	45	16
Wollongong	19	3	5	11	27	44	11
Artarmon	21	4	3	14	38	70	11
Revesby Works	20	1	2	17	14	74	4

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bethurst 75	18	14	3	2	38	9	31
Campbelltown	19	10	4	3	38	18	27
Queens Park	18	11	4	3	38	13	26
Nth Ryde	19	11	4	4	35	19	26
Gladesville Hwy	17	7	6	5	19	17	20
Mt Druitt Twn	19	8	4	7	25	26	20
Bondi Marine	18	8	5	7	33	22	17
pool Albion	19	4	7	8	21	26	15
Kingsford	15	4	3	8	18	34	11
Lane Cove Utd	18	3	5	10	16	37	11
CSI	19	3	3	13	18	36	9
Baulkham Hills	18	1	3	14	14	57	5

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	19	12	5	2	40	13	29
Nth Ryde	19	9	8	4	29	22	24
Bondi Marine	18	8	7	3	35	25	23
Gladesville	17	8	5	4	35	22	21
Mt Druitt Twn	19	8	5	6	31	27	21
Queens Park	18	7	6	5	34	22	20
CSI	19	7	6	7	35	26	20
Baulkham Hills	18	6	6	6	28	24	18
L pool Albion	19	5	6	8	19	19	18
Bethurst 75	19	3	5	11	20	34	11
Lane Cove Utd	18	3	3	12	20	44	9
Kingsford	15	1	4	10	16	58	8

LEADING SCORERS

Theos (CM)	16
Smith (Mly)	15
Reis (IM)	12
Eaton (Ku)	11
McKie (Mel)	10
Walker (Bik)	10
Farrugia (Mel)	9
McLaughlin (Bik)	9

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

PROMISING winger David Green had a busy weekend recently.

Green is dual registered, able to play with Figtree in Illawarra and Wollongong City youth team.

One Saturday he played the second half of Figtree's game against Bellambi at Elizabeth Park and the following day was in action for City at the Sydney Athletic Field against Sydney City.

He didn't finish the Sydney game because he suffered a back injury

THE younger players in Bellambi's team call him "Fossil" but Robert Banks continues to do a good job for the side in Premier League.

Banks, 39, a Bellambi original from the days the club came back into Illawarra Soccer, keeps plugging along just when everyone thinks he will

He plays sweeper these days but still managed two goals in the recent shock 3-1 win over leaders West-Figtree.

IF SHELLHARBOUR claim a spot in the semi-finals this season, sweeper Kersten Bader will have timed his return to the side just right.

YUGAL'S BIG INJURY TOLL

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

NSW State League side Yugal have been heavily hit by injuries this season. No fewer than six to eight first grade players have been or are now watching the game from the sideline.

Yugal looked to be semi-final contenders earlier in the season after they had beaten Croatia (the only side to inflict defeat upon them this year) and a draw against Sutherland. However, the heavy injury list had already started to take its toll by then.

Player-coach Tom Mihaljovic, who has also experienced six weeks on the sideline through injury, is a very disappointed man.

"From the beginning of

BY PHIL MURPHY

Bader, the team's regular sweeper last season, hasn't been playing this year because of work and studies.

Three weeks ago he came back in the first grade side and wasted no time regaining his best form.

His return solves a problem for coach John Bingham, who has been playing sweeper to tighten the defence.

With Bader back, Bingham will no doubt concentrate his efforts in the midfield.

Shellharbour dropped a number of vital points earlier in the season but have been looking a lot more like a grand final prospect in recent games.

WOLLONGONG United obviously believe in keeping their spectators in the ground until the final whistle blows.

When they played Gladesville at Berkeley Sportsground they won 1-0 but didn't score until the last kick of the game.

After Roberto Giraldo hammered home a spectacular winner there wasn't time to restart before the players walked off.

With news that the team finishing second in second division has the chance of a play-off with

the bottom State League side, United have set their sights on winning each of their last games.

After beating Gladesville, they were seven points behind leaders Rockdale with a game in hand.

"If other results go our way it is still possible for us to finish second," coach Larry Ashbolt said.

FAIRY Meadow seem to have a problem with their talented under 18 side.

The boys have shown they can certainly play the game by clearing out on top of the table but they have a disciplinary problem.

In successive weeks, they had two players sent off in games against Revesby and University.

Secretary Walter Chichkan even went to the trouble to give the boys a lecture before the University game but it didn't sink in.

"Our club has been proud of its disciplinary record over the years and we can't afford to have the kids ruining it when they have so much going for them," Chichkan said.

The matter has also been discussed in the family lounge room because one of the players sent off against University was Chichkan's son, John.

cartilage and he will also be unavailable for the rest of the season.

Pat Rodas, one of the mainstays last season, hasn't even kicked a Soccer ball all season.

Imanyi Rokodera, the Fijian striker, has left the club following personal differences.

John Karacan has just taken the cast off his broken leg and is obviously unavailable for the remainder of the season.

John Morsello missed eight games through an ankle injury and solid defender John Clarke has missed vital games through work commitments.

It is through these injuries that coach Tom Mihaljovic has been forced to promote young second grade players.

Disappointingly for Yugal there is a lack of depth in the second grade team and this explains their position in the competition - last.

MONARO LOSE TOP STRIKER

BY STEVE BURNS

IN a surprisingly unselfish decision, NSW State League club Inter Monaro have let their striker, and the League's top goalscorer, Alan Reis, return to his home town, Hong Kong.

Reis left Australia immediately after Monaro's last home game.

The decision to let him depart — at a crucial time for Monaro when they had just crept into the top four — was very much a personal one by club president, Laurie Pastrello.

"I have never believed in keeping a player against his will," Mr Pastrello said.

"I've always given players a fair go."

Mr Pastrello said Hong Kong club Eastern, until recently Peter Sharne's club, wanted to replace Sharne for a vital overseas tour.

Alan Reis appeared a perfect replacement as he was born in Hong Kong and speaks Chinese

fluently.

Additionally, Reis's elder brother, Phil, is already in Hong Kong's national squad after making a big name for himself with the Tung Sing club under former Canberra Arrows' coach, Vic Fernandez.

"There is no doubt that the younger Reis could also have a chance of making the Hong Kong national side," Mr Pastrello said.

And in case critics about "money," Mr Pastrello was quick to put down that suggestion.

"No money changed hands," he declared.

"Initially Reis is on loan to the Eastern club.

"There could well be a

transfer fee later but that has still to be negotiated. If that happens, Reis will not be cheap.

"He proved himself a winner in the State League. His goalscoring record proved that. He came on immensely under the guidance of coach Roberto Vieri".

Monaro have no replacement for Reis and the decision to let him return to Hong Kong must have been a difficult one.

However, although its months away — next season in fact — Monaro have acquired the services of a youngster with great potential.

Better even than that of the National Youth League's top goalscorer Manis Lamond with whom he shared a youth scholarship earlier this year with Canberra Arrows.

He's 16 years old slightly-built Paul Almeida, from Darwin, of Portuguese extraction and now playing with Darwin City.

"We will offer him a trade apprenticeship and he will be joining us in 1984," Mr Pastrello said.

"Although we are having a purple patch right now, we are still building for next season.

"We'll be an even stronger side in 1984."

N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1 Saturday, August 13

Blacktown City v S.S.C. Yugal Gabbie Stadium
Sunday, August 14

Avala v Polonia Knight Park
Manly Warringah v Cant-M'ville Oly Cromer Park
Auburn v Croatia Sydney Mona Park
Sutherland Shire v Melita Eagles Seymour Shaw Park
Inter-Monaro v Bankstown Marco Polo

DIVISION 2

Saturday, August 13

Uni of NSW v Revesby Workers Little Bay Oval
Artarmon v Parramatta City Artarmon Reserve
Rockdale v Blacktown Utd St George Stadium

Sunday, August 14

Wollongong Utd v Dee Why Berkeley Sports Grd
Warringah N'been v Fairy Meadow Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Belmore v Penrith Utd Blick Oval
Gladesville Rawens v Nth Bankstown Peel Park

DIVISION 1

Sunday, August 21

Polonia v Auburn Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Avala Fraser Park
Cant-M'ville Oly v Blacktown City Arlington Oval
Bankstown v Manly Warringah Soccer Centre
Melita Eagles v Ku-ring-gai Melita Stadium
Croatia Sydney v Sutherland Shire King Tomislav Park

DIVISION 2

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**RISING
STAR**

**MARK
TURKOGLU**

BY ANDREW
PACHALON

YUGAL, a side hit by serious injuries this season, have one youngster who plays with determination and tenacity each week.

Mark Turkoglu has fought his way through the lower ranks and now consolidated a spot in the first grade line-up.

Born in September 1963, Mark migrated to Australia in 1974. His first two years on Australian soil were spent at the popular Auburn club.

The following two years were spent at the resourceful neighbouring club Granville Waratahs. At the beginning of the 1978 season Mark was approached to play for Western Suburbs (who have since amalgamated with Leichhardt).

Mark decided to join Yugal in 1978 despite the attempts from Western Suburbs. He spent two successful seasons in third grade and a further three years in second grade. It was during this time that Mark was disappointed with the way his Soccer career was heading.

"I don't think Iliya Takac had any faith in me and this didn't help my confidence," Mark said.

"I decided to prove that I could reach a higher standard and this season I have been playing first grade."

A major setback to Mark this season was when he was sent-off against Inter-Monaro a couple of weeks ago. He surely would have been in strong contention for the prestigious Rothmans Medal, but if a player is sent-off he automatically drops all points gained and is not considered at all during the remainder of the season.

On the topic of which opponents he has most difficulty with, he answered in a most sincere way.

"Dennis Duarte would have to be the hardest player to mark in the competition. He is a hard runner with the ball and never gives you an inch," he said.

A subject which has raised a lot of interest in supporters and non-supporters of the NSW State League has been the quality or standard of the competition. Mark spoke highly about this aspect.

"There are many good young players that go unnoticed. These players develop in this competition and are only recognised when they play in the National Soccer League."



Mark Turkoglu: continued

"I think that the top six teams in the NSW State League could more than match there more fancied NSL rivals," he added.

No doubt a major influence on Mark during the current season has been player-coach of Yugal, Tom Mihaljovic.

"He has helped me improve my game a lot this year. I am grateful he trusted and persevered with me during the season."

Tom Mihaljovic holds Mark in the highest regard.

"At the beginning of the season Mark was given the opportunity to prove himself. He has taken the chance with open arms and can now look forward to continued success."

Mark is one young player with a contented feeling about his future in the game. He is happy playing in first grade and derives a great deal of enjoyment from the competitive aspect of the NSW State League competition.

Mark Turkoglu is one player that can be proud of his success this year. Through his own efforts he has reached a goal that eluded him in previous seasons.

NEWCASTLE NOTES

A SEQUEL to the story about NSL referee Robert Davies in a recent issue has come to hand. Robert you will remember was injured when his car received a 'stab in the back' outside Jesmond Soccer ground.

Having barely recovered from the effects, Robert was travelling in his new car through Toronto and had to stop at the railway level crossing — and would you believe it — he "copped" his second tackle from behind.

No doubt, fed up with this kind of treatment he decided to "book" the offender. You see, he is not only Referee Robert Davies, he is also Constable Robert Davies of the N.S.W. Police Force.

beyond the borders of Northern N.S.W.

His death last year was a sad loss to coaching and to Soccer in general.

As a mark of respect and in honour of a man who gave so much for others the camp has been renamed the "George Schott Memorial Soccer Camp". A more worthy name would not be possible and the players from 8 years to 16 years will continue to benefit for many years to come.

An additional feature next January will be a course for aspiring coaches. Phil Northey the Northern N.S.W.C.A. secretary and Jim Foley the Director of Coaching are preparing the format.

FOR seventeen years the late George Schott organised and conducted the January Soccer Camp at the Morpeth Conference Centre, near Maitland. This name was a by-word in Soccer coaching far

DUAL coaches are the exception rather than the rule but there are two instances of this occurrence in Northern N.S.W.

Both Lake Macquarie and Highfield Soccer clubs in the State First Division claim this status.

Out at Lake Macquarie Barry Boslem and Wayne Leary are in charge while for the Highfield Soccer Club Neville Power and Peter Fairleigh hold the reins. Both clubs are within a point or two of the top four.

KEN KAISER and Jim Foley have three things in common. A, they are both coaches, B, they are both successful and C, they are Australian born.

Both have their critics. Ken not so much for his coaching ability but his team selections. But he has the last laugh when one looks at the position Newcastle United enjoys at the moment on the League table. Ken is the only Australian born coach in control of an NSL side in 1983.

Jim also is the only Australian born State Director of Coaching. He too has critics but he is not a wave maker. Jim knows he has a job to do and he does it without fuss and without slamming others on the way.

So far he has brought valued coaching to many areas outside his office in

Newcastle. Such places as Narrabri and Tenterfield in the Northwest plus many areas up and down the coast have received his excellent coaching

It is felt in many areas that Jim gives much better value than those big names from out of state.

FOLLOWING a sizeable grant from the Lake Macquarie Municipal Council, West Wallsend Soccer Club ground, Johnson Park has had a new set of lights installed. Deferred matches in the Northern Federation plus some Westbury Cup games have been played there recently.

ONE of the oldest Soccer clubs in Australia, West Wallsend is having a good year. The Bluebells have their sights set on a semi-final spot and coach Peter Dewhurst is the man to get the best out of the side.

Former Newcastle United defender John Snedden is a tower of strength to the side.

— From Bill Turner

CHASERS NEW HOME GROUND?

KU-RING-GAI'S long search for a home for its State League and district representatives might be over.

The club and association are close to finalising use of the field at Kookaburra Rd Hornsby Heights, which is under

the control of Hornsby Shire Council.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Club chairman Don Allen said: "Recent on-site discussions with the council seem to be bearing fruit."

"It has proved very dif-

ficult to come to arrangements with Councils on the northside and this is the best proposal that we have had."

"The pitch would have one main embankment for a start, with a fenced-off oblong playing area."

"Arrangements will have to be made for use of the amenities block on the

adjoining Mountview Oval for a start."

The ground is just off Galston Rd, just past the Somerville Rd turnoff. Ku-ring-gai has made numerous approaches to Ku-ring-gai, Hornsby and Willoughby Councils and the Lands Dept over the past years.

Ku-Ring-Gai Soccer Club Ltd successfully conducts a Chinese restaurant in Hornsby, but they have never come across a licensed club proposal that meets their needs.

Mr Allen said that even last week their board checked on the possibilities of taking over a bowling club in the area, but it fell short of requirements

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION RESULTS

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST, 1983

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
110Polonia v Blacktown City	1-2	0-0	0-0
Sutherland v Auburn	6-1	3-1	1-0
S.S.C. Yugal v Manly Warringah	1-3	2-2	1-6
Cent-M'ville City v Inter Monaro	8-2	8-1	-
Bankstown v Ku-ring-gai	1-6	1-0	1-4
Croatia Sydney dv Arara	6-0	AB	4-1

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Blacktown United v Warringah N'been	0-2	0-4	B.L.F.
Dee Why v Rockdale Ilinden	2-1	1-2	2-1
Fairy Meadow v Artarmon	2-1	6-1	7-2
Parramatta City v Uni. of NSW	2-1	2-1	1-2
North Bankstown v Revesby Workers	2-0	4-1	8-2
Penrith United v Wollongong Utd	0-0	1-1	5-2
Gladesville v Belmont	3-2	9-1	2-0

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
Bondi Marine v Lane Cove Utd	2-0	4-2	7-0
Mt Druitt Town v Gladesville Hby.	0-1	1-1	0-2
Baulkham Hills v Campbelltown Cy	1-1	0-1	5-5
C.S.I. v Bathurst '75	0-3	3-0	4-1
North Ryde v Liverpool Albion	4-0	2-2	1-3
Queens Park E/S v Kingsford	5-1	5-0	3-2
Baulkham Hills v Bathurst '75	0-7	4-1	1-1
Campbelltown Cy v C.S.I.	3-1	1-0	3-0

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Maroubra United v Port Hacking	2-3	1-0	-
Nineveh Eagles v Concordia	1-2	5-1	-
Eastern Creek v King Tomislav	1-1	1-0	-
Hurstville-Zabreb v Fairfield West	1-3	1-2	-
Spanish Club v Wentworth Waratahs	2-1	3-1	-
Sydney Uni v Fairfield Kiev	1-2	4-2	-

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Chelsea v West St George	1-3	1-1	-
Trasandinos Spts v Campbelltown Gun	0-1	1-4	-
West United v Chile Sports	2-1	1-3	-
Sydney Maccabi v Eastwood S/A	1-1	0-3	-
Chile Sports v Pagewood	3-1	0-1	-
Padstow Park v West United	3-1	2-0	-

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
Hawkesbury Dist. v Macarthur United	2-0	1-4	-
Blacktown Wds v Ryde Dist	0-0	1-2	-
Green Valley Utd v Haberfield B/Ds	0-2	1-6	-
Smithfield Hotspurs v Robins	2-1	1-6	-
Revesby Rovers v Liverpool City	1-3	0-7	-
Haberfield B/Ds v Macarthur United	1-2	0-4	-
Ryde District v Smithfield Hotspurs	2-2	7-1	-

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	I	II	III
Liverpool Rangers v Blacktown Wkrs	0-1	3-1	-
Chullora v Colo Colo	3-1	2-3	-
Rosebery v Rangers Hajduk	3-1	1-1	-
South Sydney v Nepean Rovers	0-3	0-2	-
Lithgow Wikmans v Hellas Poseidon	2-0	0-0	-
Dulwich Hill v Murray Farm Rgs.	0-1	3-1	-

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION - SEMI-FINAL

	I	II	III
Liverpool v Welcome Sports	3-0	2-1	-
Concordia v Castle Hill	4-2	2-1	-

INTER URBAN 1st-5TH DIVISION PTS

FIRST GRADE: Port Hacking 30, King Tomislav 27, Fairfield Kiev 24, Eastern Creek 22, Maroubra Utd 21, Fairfield West 19, Hurstville Zag. 17, Nineveh Eagles 16, Spanish 14, Concordia 14, Sydney Uni 13, Wentworth Waratahs 8.

SECOND GRADE: Maroubra Utd 32, Port Hacking 30, Fairfield West 27, Eastern Creek 22, Syd Uni 22, Nineveh Eagles 21, Spanish 18, King Tomislav 17, Concordia 13, Hurst Zagreb 12, Fairfield Kiev 8, Wentworth Waratahs 6.

FIRST GRADE: Eastwood SA 24, Campbelltown 24, Padstow Park 22, Moorebank 20, Chelsea 16, Chile Spts 16, Sydney Maccabi 15, Tras Spts 14, West St George 14, Pagewood 13, West Utd 8.

SECOND GRADE: Campbelltown 27, Chelsea 26, Eastwood SA 22, Padstow Park 21, Pagewood 19, West St George 18, Moorebank 17, Sydney Maccabi 12, Chile Spts 8, West Utd 7, Tras Spt 7.

FIRST GRADE: Macarthur Utd 24, Hawkes Dist 23, Macq. Uni 22, Green Valley 19, Blacktown Wands 19, Ryde Dist 17, Haberfield 17, Robins 16, Smithfield 16, Liverpool City 14, Rev Rovers 3.

SECOND GRADE: Ryde Dist 31, Robins 28, Liverpool City 26, Macarthur Utd 23, Macq. Uni 19, Green Valley 19, Smithfield 11, Blacktown Wands 11, Hawkesbury 10, Rev Rovers 8, Haberfield B/O 4.

FIRST GRADE: Rosebery 31, Murray Farm 26, Chullora 25, Rangers Hajduk 22, Nepean Rovers 20, Dulwich Hill 18, Hellas Poseidon 17, Colo Colo 17, Lithgow Wkrs 14, Blacktown Wkrs 13, Liverpool Rangs 12, Sth Sydney 11.

SECOND GRADE: Rosebery 33, Dulwich Hill 31, Murray Farm 27, Rangers Hajduk 22, Hellas Poseidon 22, Nepean Rovers 19, Blacktown Wkrs 17, Liverpool Rangers 16, Chullora 15, Colo Colo 14, Sth Sydney 7, Lithgow Wkrs 3.

FIRST GRADE: Concord Jun 32, Welcome Spts 32, Castle Hill 21, Liverpool Utd 21, Argent 20, Lansvale Utd 19, Jed Utd 15, Sans Souci 9, Santiago Wndrs 5, St Marys RSL 4.

SECOND GRADE: Castle Hill 29, Welcome Spts 29, Concord Jnrs 27, Liverpool Utd 23, Lansvale Utd 22, St Marys RSL 15, Argentinian 13, Sant. Wndrs 9, Sans Souci 8, Jed Utd 5.

INTER URBAN 5TH - FINAL POINTS

FIRST GRADE: Concord Jun 32, Welcome Spts 32, Castle Hill 21, Liverpool Utd 21, Argent 20, Lansvale Utd 19, Jed Utd 15, Sans Souci 9, Santiago Wndrs 5, St Marys RSL 4.

SECOND GRADE: Castle Hill 29, Welcome Spts 29, Concord Jnrs 27, Liverpool Utd 23, Lansvale Utd 22, St Marys RSL 15, Argentinian 13, Sant. Wndrs 9, Sans Souci 8, Jed Utd 5.

LEAD STRUGGLE

By Myles Hay.

THE neck and neck tussle continued in Northern NSW Soccer with Weston holding a slender one point lead over Central Coast Association.

Both sides notched important wins with Weston's 3 nil drubbing of West Wallsend highlighted by a hat-trick from speedy forward David Sweeney.

An early goal by Peter Mamo gave Central Coast the edge over Belmont Swansea while Lake Macquarie forced their way into semi-final calculations with a convincing 3-nil win over Tamworth City.

Lakes have displaced West Wallsend in fourth position after a great run in recent weeks.

A goal in two minutes by skipper Wayne Leary put Lake Macquarie ahead while second half penalties by Michael Boogard and Terry Caban emphasised Lake's superiority.

Hamilton Red Star returned to the winning list through a goal by striker, Dino Milosevic, against Maitland in a rugged clash.

Adamstown completely

outclassed Highfield Azurri for whom John Georgeoff received his marching orders from referee Peter Burgess.

RESULTS

WESTON 3 (Sweeney

3) bt WEST WALLSEND nil

ADAMSTOWN 3 (Macquarie, Turnbull, Lochrin) bt HIGHFIELD AZURRI nil.

CENTRAL COAST 1 (Mamo) bt BELMONT SWANSEA nil

LAKE MACQUARIE 3 (Leary, Boogard, Caban) bt TAMWORTH CITY nil.

HAMILTON RED STAR 1 (Milosevic) bt MAITLAND nil.

BLACKTOWN YOUTH PAYS DIVIDENDS

BLACKTOWN City's youth policy certainly spoke for itself during last weekend's third grade match against Polonia at Chopin Park.

In the line-up, seven players were either aged 16 or younger. The age limit in this grade is 18. Three players, Joe Dermillo, Gary Jones, and Paul Quarumby are only 15. Craig Anderson, John Pogson and reserve goalkeeper, Chris Hawkins, are in their 16th year. Not to be outdone, 14-year-old Russell Gendle, a product of the Soccer Academy, also played



"No, they haven't closed the terrace. This is their normal" - choice

ATTI FANS

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA coach Atti Abonyi certainly knows how to make — and keep — fans.

Youngsters Ben Herbert, Jason Vickery and Kazan Haden were at Canberra's game against St George.

They travelled from Sydney especially for the game.

Why? Because of their admiration for Abonyi as a man — and coach. That all began when the boys were first taught by Abonyi at the Dural camp in recent years.

Since then Abonyi and the boys have crossed paths in a master/pupil relationship many times.

Today they are his

greatest fans.

Ben is only nine, and plays striker with Kemphurst Junior Soccer club; Jason is 10 and is a goal keeper, while the eldest, Kazan is 13 and a member of the Granville representative team.

Atti rates Kazan as one of the best right wingers in Australia.

Soccer talent isn't restricted to the boys in the Haden family — Kazan's two sisters were members of Australia's Under 16 Women's team that recently went to America.



THREE Sydney boys who have blossomed at Dural under the watchful eye of Canberra Arrow's coach, Atti Abonyi, made a special trip to Canberra recently to see Canberra in action against St. George. They stayed over and were given a sightseeing tour of the national capital and Canberra's sponsors, Lotto, made sure they didn't go back empty-handed.

The boys are, from left, Jason Vickery, a 10-year-old goalkeeper, Atti and son Robbie, Ben Herbert, aged 9 and a striker with the Kemhurst Junior club and Kazan Haden, 13, who plays in the Granville representative side.

CROATIA CRASH 3-0

BY VAN DIEMEN

CROATIA-GLENORCHY lost 0-3 to Caledonians in the latest round of Cadbury State League matches in Tasmania and retained only a one point lead over Juventus-Pioneer who beat University 4-0. Juventus also has a game in hand, against bottom-placed White Eagles.

Caledonians beat the League leader with two first half goals by Ian Parker and a second half effort by Bevan Sch. weiger. The loss was Croatia's second in a row and its hold on the League leadership is now tenuous at best.

White Eagles won only its second League match of the season when it surprisingly downed Metro-Claremont 3-0. Veteran striker Norman Stanton scored twice, the third goal coming from Andrew Leazczynski.

Juventus took full advantage of Croatia's defeat by beating University and moving into second place. John Broadhouse, the ex University star, was captain of Juventus on the day and celebrated by opening and closing the Italian side's scoring. Nick Di Martino and Bruce Ward sandwiched a goal apiece between

Broadhouse's efforts.

Olympia lost a great chance to stay in touch with the leaders by losing to a Mark Nikolai goal against Rapid. The loss, Olympia's second in suc-

cession, dropped the Greek side from second to fourth place and established Rapid as the "dark horse" of the competition. After a disastrous start to the season, Rapid is now lying in third place and must be in with a real chance of retaining its title.

In some respects, Olympia was unlucky. Perry Forster had a goal disallowed because a team mate was in an offside position and Peter Sherman's shot in the 79th minute struck the base of a post before rebounding into play.

Goals count, however, and Rapid's goal in the 57th minute won it both points and took the champion to within two points of the leader and with a game in hand.

DETAILS: White Eagles 3 Metro-Claremont 0, Caledonians 3 Croatia-Glenorchy 0, Juventus Pioneer 4 University 0, Olympia 0 Rapid West Point 1.

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	16	10	2	4	37	24	22
Juventus	15	10	1	4	32	14	21
Rapid	15	9	2	4	25	18	20
Olympia	16	7	5	4	41	26	19
Caledonians	16	6	4	6	33	27	16
Metro	15	4	4	7	21	27	12
University	16	5	0	11	23	49	10
White Eagles	15	2	0	13	17	44	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Parker (Caledonians), Forster Olympia 14.
Sherman (Olympia) 10.
Thomas (Croatia), Oakes (Croatia), Ward (Juventus) 9.
Nichols (Olympia), A. Leazczynski 8.
Kirkpatrick (Croatia) 6.

CROATIA-GLENORCHY



Back (L-R): W. Neads (Manager), A. Bacic, P. Huigsfloor, M. Oakes, W. Kirkpatrick, S. Smith, N. Thomas, L. Nunn, J. Grimsey (Coach). Front (L-R): I. Cahul, P. Furjanic, W. Cowen, D. Spendiff, W. Peters, D. Trueman, S. Collins.

(Photo by Walter Pless)

OTHER STATE REPORTS

TOP FOUR MAKE AMPOL SEMIS

QUEENSLAND'S top four clubs will contest the semi-finals of the State's Ampol cup competition this weekend.

The "Minnows" have been swept aside as current Premier League top four sides Olympic, Mount Gravatt, Grange Thistle and Ipswich United charged into the semi-finals of the Cup — which unlike in NSW, is held through the season rather than pre season.

The draw matches Grange Thistle against Ipswich and the Premier League leaders Olympic and Mount Gravatt, both games worthy of a final.

Ipswich were beaten finalists last year while Grange Thistle won the trophy while for the Greeks, it's the chance to snare their first ever major trophy.

The QSF will be hoping for an Ipswich-Olympic final to ensure the biggest possible gate and if current form and past results is any indication, that could well be the result.

Ipswich drew 0-0 with Thistle in their first round Premier League match but have improved immensely since then. Thistle, too, have been winning but their margins have been nowhere near as convincing.

Olympic have a 1-0 first round win over the Mounts but this is certain to be the closest fought of the two semis and likely to go into extra time.

Olympic a week ago thumped Easts 7-0 and are currently the glamour side of Queensland Soccer

but Mount Gravatt has always been one of the most consistent and hardest fighting.

The Hawks have had a lot of injury problems this season — the most severe being the loss of talented midfielder Harry Stewart, yet they have still been able to lead the league.

Stewart, a cousin of young Soccerroo Russell Stewart, is apparently close to returning to the first team after his knee operation and if back in time for this week's Cup match, could well swing the game in favour of the Hawks.

In the only other Premier League match in Brisbane this weekend, Acacia Ridge play hosts to Sunnyside for the third time.

The match was played earlier in the season but nine minutes from time with the scores locked at 1-1, a torrential downpour washed out the game. A replay was scheduled but another storm cancelled the match.

The two sides, both needing two points to move to a respectable position on the table, are anxious to play the match, which is a "derby" for the neighbouring clubs. The Ridge has always had Sunnyside's measure in the clashes in first division in recent years and should emerge winners again.

ROOM FOR ONE MORE

BY TOM MCKAIN

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN State League First Division clubs got a bonus following a ruling by the S.A. Soccer Federation.

Normally the top six clubs in the League qualify for the next season's Ampol Cup summer series, and West Adelaide, the reserve squad from the NSL side, is a favourite to make the six.

West and Adelaide City, the NSL clubs, are always invited to play the Ampol series, so there was the unique situation which could see West with an NSL team in the contest plus its State League

Birkalla and Elizabeth.

Only Port Adelaide, the bottom team, look to be out of the running and heading for relegation, although there could be a reprieve if West is not allowed to play in the State League next season.

Salisbury is running away with the Second Division championship, and appears certain to be promoted.

However, there could be radical changes next year if two of the current First Division — names as yet unknown — make the enlarged NSL.

Beograd, Azzurri and Polonia all want in, as do Second Division leader Salisbury.

And Croatia could apply.

Only two additional teams are expected to be accepted from S.A.

With West out of the First Division as from 1984, and City missing from the Second under a plan to ban NSL teams from local senior competition, there will be openings galore.

MERGER TALK AGAIN

WITH the possibility that Azzurri will not be admitted to an enlarged NSL because Adelaide cannot support two Italian-backed teams, talks of a merger are on again.

Word is some officials of Adelaide City and Azzurri are willing to try

again for a "marriage," but the final stumbling block could be something that appears minor to outsiders — colours and shirt design.

Azzurri, in previous negotiations, have always insisted on retaining the blue shirts they introduced to the local league, and City have struck by their determination not to change the black and white vertical stripes which marked the old Juventus club.

Juventus is still very much in the City scheme of things, with the social arm of City called the Juventus Sports and Social Club.

STH. AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

PARA HILLS have powered their way into contention for the S.A. Rothmans League title, and could take the lead this weekend at home against West Adelaide.

Croatia are still at the top of the table but only by a point after a 2-2 home draw with Azzurri last week, the equaliser coming in the last 30 seconds.

Para shattered Beograd's hopes with a 3-0 home win while West were going down 3-2 at home after leading Birkalla 2-0.

Beograd look safe this week entertaining Campbelltown who were slaughtered 4-nil at home by Polonia.

The latter is at home on Saturday to Croatia while Azzurri get back into the fight for the title they won last year when they stay home to meet second-bottom team, Elizabeth.

Relegation candidates Port held Elizabeth to a 0-0 draw at the latter's ground last week and could pull off another draw at home to Birkalla this weekend.

But it's at the top where all the action is, with Croatia on 19 points, Para 18, Azzurri 17 then three clubs on 16 — Beograd, West and Polonia.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE Semi-Finals Results - Round 5

U13: St George 1, Auburn 0; Nepean 1, Sutherland 1; Sydney Olympic 3, Illawarra 0.
U14: Canterbury 1, Manly 0; APIA 3, Nepean 2; Sydney Olympic 2, Southern Dists 1.
U15: Granville 1, Auburn 0; Sydney Olympic 3, Polonia 1; Marconi 1, Illawarra 1.
U16: St George 1, Manly 0; Southern Dist 1, Sydney Olympic 0; Marconi 2, APIA 1.

FINAL POINTS

Top two teams to grand finals, top three teams to represent Sydney in State Championship finals with the three Branch, Riverina, Southern NSW & Western NSW.

U13: 1st Illawarra 8 (goal diff 10), 2nd Sydney Olympic 9 (goal diff 9), 3rd St George 6, Nepean 5, Auburn 2, Sutherland 1.
U14: 1st APIA 8, 2nd Canterbury 7, 3rd Nepean 4 (goal diff 1), Sydney Olympic 4 (goal diff -1), Manly 4 (goal diff -3), Southern Dists 3.

U15: 1st Illawarra 7, 2nd Marconi 6 (goal diff 4), 3rd Granville 6 (goal diff 2), Auburn 3, Olympic 3, Polonia 3.
U16: 1st Marconi 9, 2nd Sydney Olympic 6 (goal diff 4), 3rd Southern Dists 6 (goal diff -4), APIA, St George 3, Manly 2.

GRAND FINAL MATCHES

Marconi-Stadium, Saturday August 13

U13: 2pm, Illawarra v Olympic; U14: 3.30pm APIA v Canterbury; U15: 5.30pm, Illawarra v Marconi; U16: 7.30pm, Marconi v Sydney Olympic. (The winning teams all receive vouchers for "Attack" Chinook jackets in their own colours. Runners-up all receive vouchers for "Attack" jackets in their own colours).

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U10	U11	U12
Ku-ring-gai v Southern Dists			0-6
Central Coast v Blacktown		1-1	3-0
Manly v Granville			0-3
St George v Canterbury		2-1	1-0
Illawarra v Southern & Eastern	3-1	3-0	III
Nepean v Sutherland		0-0	0-5
Bankstown v Gladesville		3-2	1-3

POINTS SCORE

U12: Nepean 19, Sutherland 18, Southern Dists 17, Illawarra 17, St George 16, Granville 16, Canterbury 13, Gladesville 11, Central Coast 6, Bankstown 6, Southern & Eastern 5, Ku-ring-gai 4, Blacktown 4, Manly 2.

U11: St George 14, Bankstown 14, Blacktown 12, Central Coast 12, Granville 11, Illawarra 10, Canterbury 9, Gladesville 9, Southern & Eastern 9, Nepean 6, Sutherland 5, Southern Dists 3.

U10: Bankstown 7, Illawarra 7, Nepean 6, Canterbury 5, Granville 4, Blacktown 3, Southern & Eastern 0.

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U10: Aug 27/29: Ponderosa Park, Camden
U11: Aug 27/29: Proctor Park, Bathurst
U12: Aug 27/29: West End Oval, Griffith
U13/14: Aug 28/30: Cromer Park, Dee Why
(Links in with Australian U15 Championships)
U15/16: Sept 9/11: Cromer Park, Dee Why

NSW CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

Round 1 in all grades to be played Sun Sept 16 at country centres

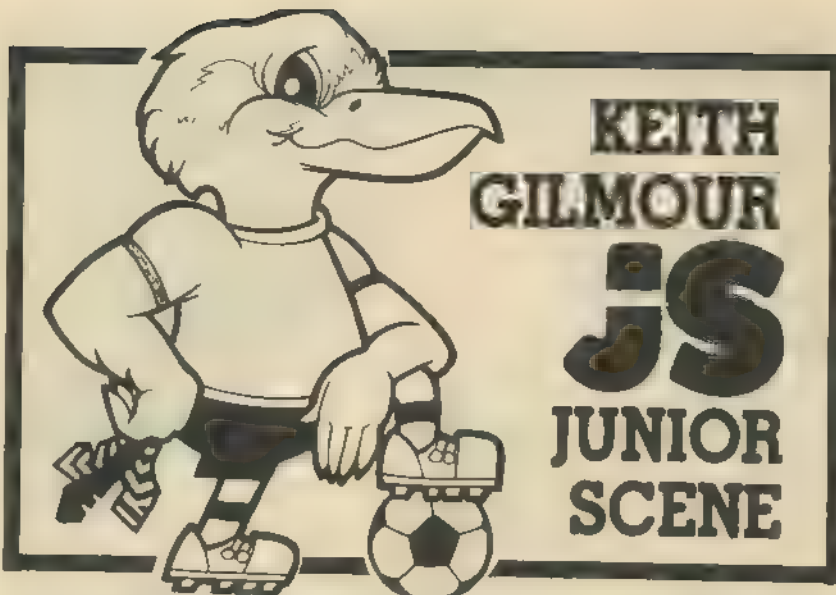
TURNER CUP FOR NSW U15 SCHOOLS

Sydney Final

Marconi Stadium, Thurs Aug 11 7.30pm
Birrongo BHS v Plumpton HS.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

CHS Firsts (Jones 2, Nicholson o.g.), Independent Schools Firsts 2 (Langlands, Phanichewa). CHS Seconds 3 (Pieris 2, Kennedy), Independent Schools Seconds 1 (Koya).
Independent Schools v CHS
Garside Park, Wed Aug 10.



AUBURN SOCCER CLUB U/16 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD

THIS was a very busy team in 1983, with many of the U/16 Squad members also being part of the Auburn 3rd Grade team.

There are definitely one or two, possibly more, future 1st Grade players in this squad.

Fighting for 2nd position with Ku-ring-

gai and backing up for 3rd Grade proves this point.

Results include: Melita 2-0, 2-0; Manly 1-1, 2-0; Central Coast 1-1, 3-2; St George 0-2, 0-1; Canterbury 1-1, 2-2; Blacktown 1-0; Ku-ring-gai 1-3, 1-2.

Photograph: L to R Back Row: Timmy Morrison, Alfie Bar-

tollotto, Gavin Thompson, Richard Haber, Stephen Edwards, Greg Kocass, Craig Thompson. L to R (Front Row): Ian Sleight, Scott O'Donnell, Mark Wilson, Stephen Lukic, Brad Weir, Alan Luck. Coach — Dick Kocass, Manager — Len Dawson.



AUBURN YOUTH SQUAD AIMS FOR ENGLAND

THANKS to enthusiastic junior coach Robert Wozniak we will be presenting each week two players from the Auburn under 13 team which is working hard to raise the funds to tour England next January.



ROBERT WOZNAK, DENIS WRIGHT ... The men behind Auburn's under 13 side.

Each player nominates his favourite Australian as well as overseas player, and typically he is asked also to nominate the strong part of his game and the weak aspect as well. Self-analysis, they call it.

And, wait for it, the bottom line is the personal comment of the coach on the player.

Quite an enlightening approach, don't you think? But first let us present the two men who have looked after this group of boys from Chul-lora Wolves Junior Soccer

Club through to their joining the NSW U13 Youth League with Auburn SFC.

First there is Rob Wozniak the coach, and handling the team's affairs as well is team manager Denis Wright.

For David Bonnyman it will be a trip home as he was born in London. All the rest saw light of day in Sydney, and most of them Bankstown. However Cristian Navarro came to Australia from Santiago in Chile and Gabriel Bruno from Uruguay.

CANBERRA'S ACADEMY TO PAY OFF

CANBERRA is hoping its Academy of Soccer and other coaching policies might provide its best-ever run in this year's national Under-16 titles. Already the

squad is in training under Jim Hewson, who is both an Academy coach and the Youth Development Officer of Canberra's Belconnen Soccer club. The aspirations are also high for the Australian Secondary Schools Championship in Queensland — this team being under the control of ACT Coaching Director, Les Bee

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
SYDNEY CITY	16	13	2	3	49	23	+26	41
ST GEORGE	16	9	2	5	31	22	+9	29
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	17	9	2	6	31	26	+5	29
CANBERRA	19	9	2	8	30	27	+3	29
NEWCASTLE	17	8	2	7	29	25	+4	26
MARCONI	18	6	6	6	27	25	+2	24
A.I.S.	17	6	5	6	21	20	+1	23
LEICHHARDT	16	2	4	10	19	38	-19	10
WOLLONGONG	18	1	5	12	16	47	-31	8

ONLY three matches were played — Sydney City downed Canberra 2-1, after some anxious moments late in the game, and Newcastle defeated the visiting A.I.S. by the same score. Meanwhile at Ziem's Park, Sydney Olympic continued their surge up the table with a 4-1 defeat of Wollongong.

Billed as the match of the round between two sides who generally play good football and offer value for money, the Slickers v Arrows clash was poor in every facet.

After nine minutes, Rodrigues sprinted down the Arrows left flank from his own half, arrived at the corner flag and drove a good cross to the near post where Fletcher was looming but he mis-kicked. The ball fell at the feet of Paterson who literally walked the ball into

the goal to put City ahead 1-0.

The rest of the first half was scrappy until Sydney City scored two minutes from the break, Reader's corner came across and Haslam's strong challenge forced the Australian Youth keeper Hummel to punch weakly towards Rodrigues lurking on the edge of the box. His shot was deflected past the keeper.

Against the run of play, Canberra snatched a goal, when a defensive mix-up

allowed Collins to slip through and square the ball to Perinovic who scored.

Newcastle downed A.I.S. 2-1 to move into fifth position on the table. Goals were scored by Simon Brandt in the 38th minute after good lead up work and a cross from Rafty.

It was not until halfway through the second period that any more action occurred, but in the 70th minute Newcastle scored again through Stewart.

Nicholas converted a penalty in the 76th minute to complete the scoring in an entertaining match that saw plenty of goalmouth action.

Sydney Olympic travelled to Ziem's Park to play Wollongong and came away with a fine win.

It was an even match but Olympic took home the points and are now breathing down the neck of the leaders.

U/15 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD



AFTER a shaky start of a 4-0 loss to Granville this team has shown that it has the makings of another championship winning Auburn team.

They have won every game since their 1st round defeat (drawing with St George and Manly) to head the U/15 competition in Group "A".

Playing some very entertaining possession football they have looked and proven a cut above their opposition, including Granville who they defeated 2-1 in the second round.

A number of these players will be given the

opportunity in 3rd Grade next season, possibly even 2nd Grade for some.

Results: Granville 0-4, 2-1; Melita 1-0, 7-0; Canterbury 4-1, 4-1; St George 2-1, 1-1; Manly 1-0, 2-2; Central Coast 2-0, 2-0; Blacktown 1-0, Ku-ring-gai 2-0, 1-0.

Photograph: L to R Back Row: John Hart (Manager), Paul Edmunds (captain), Scott Gilbert, Mark Gale, Neil Esho, Reid Bosward, Andrew Mead, John Gulasi, Len Questad (coach). L to R Front: Glen Brailey, Adam Wells, Rodney Jones, Terry Mayo, Adam Wozniak, Gary Brown.

JOE BOGENHUBER WRITES FOR REDFERN UNITED

ONE OF the nicest letters received by ASW's Junior Pages is this one from team coach Joe Bogenhuber of Redfern in inner Sydney. I guess when a letter like this one surfaces I become just a softie, but I hope you get just as much pleasure from it as I did. - K.G.



The names of the players are: from left top to right: Matthew Oxenham (Defender), Byron Poulipatis (Defender, Linkman), Waleed Makram (Defender), Con Panas (Linkman), David McGregor (Striker, Linkman), Nabil Jamhour (Defender), Gordon Bogenhuber (Defender). Left bottom to right: Michael Willis (Defender, Linkman), Michael Wagner (Striker), Peter Murray (Goalie), Sanh Duc Lieu (Striker), Tony Kim (Linkman), Jeffrey Bogenhuber (Striker). Not in photo: Huy Hoang (Defender).

I'm the coach of Redfern United U10 B and we're playing in Second Division in the Southern & Eastern Soccer Association.

This is our very first year in competition Soccer. Redfern entered the competition with three teams, under 12, 10 and 8s.

The idea started from two local teachers at Redfern Public School, Mr Ed

Esterbauer and Mr Russell Gorrie.

Our team is made up from boys from all nationalities — from German and Austrian to Greek, Lebanese and Vietnamese.

We have to train on a little school ground that goes uphill and is full of bumps and holes, but this hasn't stopped us from getting results.

This is mainly because the boys are very hard

workers and come to training twice a week straight from school until 5 o'clock. I think they deserve the highest praise for their keenness and dedication.

Our results to time of writing have been: v Randwick 2-6, v Queens Park 6-0, v Astrolabe 2-3, v St Spyridon 2-0, v Marcellin 10-0, v Sydney City 4-0, v Kingsford 3-4, v Randwick 1-5, v Queens Park 5-0, v Sydney City 7-

0, v Astrolabe 4-2, v St Spyridon 0-0.

Our goals are 55 for and 20 against. The scorers are Jeff Bogenhuber 26, Sanh Duc Lieu 11, David McGregor 6, Con Panas 5, Michael Wagner 5, Tony Kim 1 and Michael Willis 1.

Jeff and San managed hat tricks or better on quite a few occasions. San achieved hat tricks in two games even though he missed four matches through illness.

My wife Elaine is the manager of our team and without her help at training and the matches it would have been impossible to achieve these results.

PS. I'd like to make special mention of our goalkeeper Peter Murray. We have been lucky to have such a capable goalkeeper as him.

GLADESVILLE'S LOCAL DERBY

A LOCAL derby between the two leading teams in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association U/11 Division 1 competition, Gladesville Ravens and Gladesville United, attracted a good crowd and was watched by special guests.

Gladesville United invited former World Cup captain, Johnny Warren, to attend the game: he spoke to the players and his presence certainly lifted the performances.

Gladesville Ravens, the competition leaders, ab-

sorbed the early pressure and produced some good controlled Soccer and were able to pick up the first goal shortly before half-time.

Midway through the second half they increased their lead.

United replied with a well-deserved goal to set the scene for an exciting finish.

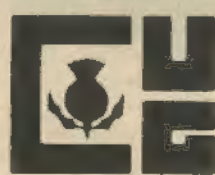
Only a late third goal for the Ravens finally sealed the game.

The score of 3-1 in favour of the Ravens was not a true indication of the game as it could have quite easily been won by Gladesville United had they taken their chances.

The real winner on the day was junior Soccer with two friendly rivals showing what it is all about and being encouraged by well-behaved supporters.



In the picture the players of the two teams, Max Pride, President of Ravens, Bruce Robinson, Manager of Ravens, Donopoulos and T. Pappageorgiou Gladesville United Coaches, and Johnny Warren former captain of Australian National Team.



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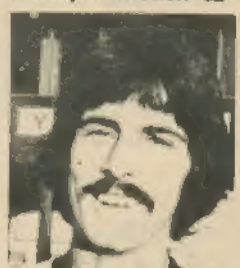
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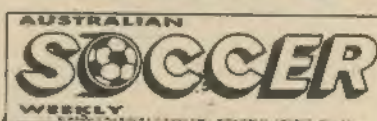


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THE FUTURE SOCCEROOS



AUSTRALIAN Youth Socceroos Joe Rizzotto, Rod Brown and Rene Licata were special guests at the koala squad nursery day at Brennan Park Smithfield, recently.

The squad is made up of five clubs, Campbelltown Police Boys, Greystanes, Padstow RSL, Pendle Hill and Smithfield Hotspurs. Ages of the boys and girls playing ranges from

two to five years.

It is a fun competition over five days during the season.

Games are played across the field using goalposts 2 metres x 1 metre.

Rules are simple. Free kicks are given only for handball, goals must be scored from outside a circle 3 metres around the goal, when the ball crosses the goal line or is

caught by the goalkeeper. Play is restarted with a goal kick.

The whole idea of the competition is for children to have fun and at the same time, learn good

sportmanship and gain an interest in Soccer.

Matches are completely non-competitive with no results being kept.

Indeed team managers usually make changes during matches to make sure they are fairly even and all players are given a fair chance to be involved in the game.

Shadow players are: Matthias Schlotterbach, Jeffrey Bundesen (Wide Bay), James Hermiston (Brisbane North), Brett Hutton (South East Queensland). Team coach is Jim Dolan and the manager is Ken Hesson. Final results were:



LINDSAY DINES of Brisbane North was outstanding in the recent U/15 Q'LD State Titles held in Bundaberg.

australian Championships in Sydney from August 27 - September 4.

The team is:- Graham Ross, Wayne Oliveri, Dale Dawes, Paul Petersen (North Qld), Aston Bell, Lindsay Dines, Andrew Watson, John Koch, Alfio Catalano, Craig McColl, Jarrod Austin, Cameron Pearce (Brisbane North), Domenic Tonel, Robert Marinov, Alan McFarlane, Brian MacNicol (Brisbane South).

By Andrew Stillman

Brisbane North took out the Mazda U/15 Queensland State Championship held at Martens Oval, Bundaberg. It was the only team that went through the carnival undefeated.

From their first match Brisbane North showed a lot of potential and looked the team to beat.

Lindsay Dines had an outstanding carnival, hammering in 16 goals for his side. Alfio Catalano delighted the fans with his impressive ball skills. Brisbane North's diminutive captain, Danny Cox, was solid in defence as sweeper. Runners-up, North

Queensland, were the only team that looked like upsetting the leaders but finally went down 4-2.

Zone teams from all over the State competed except for North West Queensland. The carnival ran very smoothly and was a credit to the efforts of carnival manager, Spencer Keightley.

At the end of the championships, the Queensland U/15 side was named to contest the Aus-

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Brisbane North	7	7	-	-	41	4	14
North Queensland	7	5	1	1	27	6	11
Brisbane South	7	5	1	1	13	7	11
Wide Bay	7	3	3	1	14	13	7
S. W. Queensland	7	3	4	-	10	16	6
S. E. Queensland	7	1	6	-	8	26	4
Central Queensland	7	1	5	1	5	21	3
Far Nth Queensland	7	-	7	-	3	23	0



The captain of Brisbane North receives the winner's trophy from Rev. G. Grey, president of the Gladstone and District Junior Soccer Association at the U/13 Q'LD State Titles held in Gladstone recently. Stan Dye, president of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council is in the background.

AMERICAN AUSSIE IS ALBURY CHIEF

AMERICAN-BORN Gene Lydick is the current president of the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association.

It seems that anything said about him could be headed "from gridiron to Soccer".

He was born in Pennsylvania 50 years ago and at ten was playing American football. This continued on in the USAAF, where he was a flight engineer and airman first class.

In London he met his wife Dorothy, and in addition made his first real association with Soccer. Her brother was Keith Foster, then playing for Leeds United.

Gene came to Australia in 1969 and to Albury in 1974. Both he and his son joined Albury United Soccer Club.

The son played as a utility man and is now with one of the leading clubs in Perth.

Gene became president of Albury United in 1979, having previously become a member of the AWSA in 1975.

After serving in a number of capacities with the Association he was



Mr Gene Lydick who is serving his second year as president of the A.W.S.A.

elected president last year.

In addition to all this he is a foundation member of the Border Soccer Club.

He has another ambition, to see Albury represented in Soccer at National or State League level.

Albury Wodonga is an area which has struck some hard times like many other cities, but with men of vision it is certain that the growth area's time will come to join in higher class Soccer.

JUNIORS FLOURISH IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOME 8,000 boys play Soccer in competitions in Perth. Games are played on Sunday mornings. District competitions are conducted for under 11 and 12 players.

The 64 clubs are divided into four groups of 16 each.

Trials are held to produce group representative teams. They play six matches against the other three districts before Country Week takes place in the August school holidays.

Each district plays three games on a League basis before the Metropolitan final.

Then there are the games against country

teams to decide the State Championships.

No fewer than 400 players are involved in the popular Country Week series.

No district competition exists as yet for U13 and upwards players.

The WA state side won the U13 National Championship in 1982 and with luck our state sides will continue to do well.

From Louis Herzberg in Perth.

KIWI SCHOOL VISITORS

THE CAMBRIDGE High School Soccer side from the Waikato Valley in New Zealand's North Island is on its second visit to play schools in Newcastle, Northern NSW and will stop over in Sydney. One of their big days out will be a visit to the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, August 20 to watch the New Zealand All Blacks clash with the Australian Wallabies.

As well as the Rugby Test they will stay, and play matches against Cessnock High, Cardiff High and Whitebridge High.

They may also be guests of honour at the "Bill Turner Cup" final at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Wednesday night August 24.



Back row: Les O'Brien, Ernst Muellner, (coach) V. Stanya, Front: Pasqualino Remiro, Michael Leake and Frank Finlay Jr.

ALBURY-WODONGA U/14s CELEBRATE

THREE special trophies were awarded to players of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association U/14 team.

Pasqualino Romiro received the 'Best and Fairest' award, whilst Frank Finlay Jr was selected as the 'Best first Year Player' of the 1983 rep season.

Michael Leake, who kicked 11 goals through

the season, was the highest goalscorer.

Promotion officer Frank Finlay said the trophies and the medals were presented at a special B-B-Q party to mark the 1983 representative season.

The 14 players of the team received a special gold medallion donated by Mr Les O'Brien, general manager of the Moccas-kin Shack.

The U/14 team finished second in the 1983 Riverina Cup series after winning all home games.

BLIZZARD HOT UNDER HOUGHTON

BOB Houghton, who coached Swedish team Malmo to the final of the European Cup a few years ago, is now one of the most successful coaches in the North American Soccer League.

Houghton has rebuilt the Toronto Blizzard side so capably that the Canadians are now strong challengers to glamour club New York Cosmos in the Eastern Division.

Now Houghton is being sought to take over as manager of Canada's World Cup squad.

He said: "I am very happy with Toronto but in this business, you have to consider all offers. The chance to coach a World Cup team is very appealing."

Toronto recently beat the top team in the NASL, Vancouver Whitecaps. Vancouver rarely are beaten.

Strangely enough, Bob Houghton was rated a failure by some people when he managed Bristol City after his stint with Malmo. Bristol City sacked him!

BRITS BEST!

ALAN Dicks enjoyed his spell as coach of Greek club, Ethnikos, but is back in England and keen to get a new club.

Previously, Dicks set an "endurance" record by staying for 13 years with Bristol City before the axe fell.

His opinion of Greek football? "Give me British football — it's the best in the world," he said.



Bob Houghton

FRANCE MAKES BID FOR WORLD CUP

FRANCE is the latest bidder to FIFA to stage the 1990 World Cup Finals... despite the huge cost of the undertaking.

But French officials stated they would withdraw their application if Italy were to proceed with their attempt to stage the Finals.

Already applications have been received by FIFA from countries wanting to play host. These include West Germany, Italy, Austria, Yugos-

lavia, England and Greece.

A decision by FIFA will be made in Zurich on December 8. At this stage, Italy are hot favourites.

HOME REF!

THERE will be an enquiry into the NASL match between Vancouver and Montreal. The match was won by Montreal, coached by former Glasgow Celtic star Andy Lynch, even though the winning team had three players sent off and finished with eight!

The problem is... the referee came from Vancouver.

GERMAN FANS LIKE NICHOLAS

WEST GERMANY is getting a look at Britain's headline star Charlie Nicholas even before the London fans.

Nicholas, who cost Arsenal a fortune when he joined them from Glasgow Celtic, made his debut appearance for the Gunners in Bochum, West Germany on Arsenal's pre-season tour.

And the Germans decided Charlie is the goods. No wonder — he scored two goals and did the lead-up work for the other

two when Arsenal beat third division SV Meppen.

It was the perfect debut for a player from whom so much is expected in the new season.

Against Meppen, Nicholas teamed well with fellow striker Tony Woodcock, a player well known in West Germany after his two-year stint at FC Cologne.

RUSSIAN REFS SUSPENDED

SOVIET Soccer referees have just been hit by a big clean-up operation by Federation officials for blunders made during vital matches.

The clean-up has resulted in no fewer than 10 top referees being struck off the list, either permanently or temporarily.

The country's football authorities which instigated the crack-down, named referees of the two top divisions.

A leading Russian official stated last week "there has been an increase of glaring errors."

Soviet football authorities have decided to institute a series of measures to improve the standard of refereeing.



Dragan Pantelic

YUGOSLAV GOALIE QUITS

DRAGAN PANTELIC, former international goalkeeper, who has just completed a year of his suspension, has decided to retire from Soccer altogether.

The 32 year old Pantelic spent nine years

with Radnicki before signing with French club Bordeaux in 1981.

Pantelic was involved in an incident with a linesman in France which led to Pantelic being banned by the French Football Federation.

He has been capped 18 times by his country. Pantelic was also a reliable penalty-taker, having missed only once from 21 penalty shots.

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TOMMY Langley has moved from Crystal Palace to AEK Athens the Greek club. Fee was a modest \$10,000 and Langley will take a pay cut.

BRAZILIAN ITALIANS!



Brazil's World Cup stars Cerezo and Falcao training in Brunico for the new Italian season. Both play for A.S. Roma.



Woodcock — teamed up with Nicholas



PERRYMAN UNDECIDED

AT 31, Steve Perryman, the popular Tottenham skipper, is attempting to sort out his future.

He has one year to run on his two-year contract with the White Hart Lane club.

Perryman was offered a new two-year agreement at improved terms but turned down the offer. Then he was offered better pay on his present contract and again refused.

It's clear from these moves that Spurs would like to keep Perryman on their books until he ends his distinguished career.

Tottenham fans, however, are wondering if their skipper will be able to command a first team place next season. There will be strong challenges for defensive positions from two expensive new Spurs signings — Gary Stevens from Brighton and Danny Thomas from Coventry City. And the unsettled Chris Hughton has resigned for another two years at Tottenham.



DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

ARSENAL have been told to "double the offer" if they want to buy Ray Wilkins from Manchester United.

Arsenal's first offer of \$350,000 plus Alan Sunderland, who is valued at \$170,000, is not enough to tempt United.

"We'll talk if you double the figure," said United manager Ron Atkinson.



CLOUGH BLASTS LIVE TV SOCCER

BRIAN CLOUGH, Nottingham Forest's manager, used to be the most outspoken voice in football and a lot of people have been asking why he no longer stirs things up, verbally and in print.

Clough proved he can still lash out at the right time. He made some out-rageous comments about the Football League's decision to permit 10 matches to be played live in 1983-84.

Said Clough: "Soccer is over-exposed as it is. I would like to see it taken off our screens completely for the next three years. I believe the latest move could kill the game."

That's vintage Cloughie stuff. He has more. "It's

the worst decision I've heard in years. The game as a whole will suffer. I've always been totally opposed to live TV and my view has not changed."

Nottingham Forest are the guinea pigs along with Tottenham Hotspur. Their October 2 first division match at White Hart Lane has been switched from Saturday, October 1 to the Sunday and will be the first shown live on TV.

Clough has an ally in

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw who says he doesn't like the idea of Sunday Soccer.

But Forest chairman Geoff McPherson bought into the argument when he said: "Live TV is very much an experiment. I respect Burkinshaw or any one else who doesn't want Sunday matches but people can still go to church in the morning or evening and watch Soccer in the afternoon."

FRANCIS SACKS STAFF

GERRY Francis, former England midfielder star, given a free transfer by Coventry City, has taken over as player-manager of Exeter City.

Francis is ambitious. He aims to take this Cinderella team from third to first division in two years! Good luck to Gerry — he'll need it. He started his new job by transferring 12 of Exeter's 13 professionals.

THE Alliance Premier League will experiment with a new system of points for performance. An away win is worth three points, a home win two and a draw, as now, one point.

GARY Brooks of Spurs is back in training after recovering from a serious car accident early this year.

THE English football season gets longer and longer. One club, Crystal Palace, has already completed a pre-season tour to the north of France. In July, high summer (if there is such a thing in England).

COLCHESTER have appealed against a Football League Tribunal decision to give their ace goalscorer Ian Allison a free transfer. Allison scored 26 goals last season and a similar number the previous season.

RENT BLOW KO'S IPSWICH

IPSWICH Town have been hit by a cash problem — because their local Council upped the rent of the Portman Road ground by a massive 1,500 per cent.

The club must pay more than \$100,000 a year now instead of the \$6,000 it used to fork out.

Chairman Patrick Cobbold said this means Ipswich must cut down the playing staff and reduce outlay on new players. Cobbold said it is distressing that a club which brought so much good publicity to the town did not get support from the council.

CHARLIE TRIES AGAIN

CHARLIE George is still trying to crack it back into the big time.

The former Arsenal wizard, now 33, has started a month's trial with Coventry City. He said: "If I doubted my ability, I wouldn't be here."

NOW Glenn Hoddle has decided to remain another year with Tottenham Hotspur, plenty of questions are being asked about reported huge bids for his services from Continental clubs.

And the truth is...not one top European club made an offer for the skilful midfielder. Hoddle was undoubtedly disappointed about that. He almost settled on a transfer to Spurs neighbours, Arsenal, but felt such a move would cause resentment in his own family! Arsenal and Spurs are traditional football enemies — and all the Hoddle family members are mad-keen Spurs fans.

NO BID FOR GLENN

MILK MONEY FLOWS

PRIZEMONEY for the Milk Cup (formerly the Football League cup) has been increased. It now carries the biggest financial incentive in any sport in Britain.

Winners will pick up \$110,000. Sponsors will pour \$800,000 into the competition in 1983-84.

Liverpool, who have won the Milk Cup three times in succession, are delighted about the new deal.

"It will be a great incentive," said chairman John Smith. "Cash is in short supply and this could prove a lifeline for many clubs."

TWO MORE OSSIE YEARS

OSSIE Ardiles, fit and well after a long holiday in Cordoba and California, aims to finish his playing career with Spurs.

But he won't carry on until he's 34 as planned. Ossie will be 32 when he ends his present two-year contract at White Hart Lane and that's when he'll hang up his boots.

CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE LOVES THE GLAMOUR

THE ENORMOUSLY expensive Charlie Nicholas, now training with his new club, Arsenal, for the new season, is a larger than life character off the field as well as on.

Jimmy Lumsden, who coached Nicholas as a youngster in the Celtic Youth side, says: "English fans will see a player who has ALL the virtues of Jimmy Greaves and Ken Dalglish. He finishes like

Greaves, cool and collected when the flak is flying. He tucks the goals away — doesn't blast them. And, like Dalglish, he controls the ball beautifully under pressure and also holds the forward line together."

But how will Charlie handle the temptations all players meet when they move to the bright lights of London?

Lumsden says: "He is a

great trainer because of his passion for football. He loves the glamour and the spotlight. He has always been a flashy dresser. The leather gear is his trade mark. Just about everything he wears is leather — except his underpants!"

"Charlie Nicholas has self-belief. That's different from being flash and conceited."

'GET OUT' FOR KEEGAN

KEVIN Keegan finally decided to stay with Newcastle United — but Newcastle fans are apprehensive about the sort of deal that keeps him at St James Park.

Keegan has a "get out" clause. If the team is not heading for promotion at the halfway stage of the season, he will be able to leave for a nominal transfer fee.

Money was no problem

when Keegan resigned. In fact, he will get more than he earned last season when he was possibly Britain's highest-paid player.

Keegan explained his

strange contract clause when he said: "I needed an indication that Newcastle United's ambitions were as demanding as mine and thousands of their fans."